### **Powell Is Out** Of the Race, But Will Aid Republicans

Lacking the 'Passion' For Politics, He Also Declines No. 2 Spot

WASHINGTON — General Culin L.
Powell ruled out a 1996 hid for the White Hnuse on Wednesday and said he would not be a candidate for vice president ei-

He also declared himself a Republican, but would not commit himself to vote for the party's nominee next year. General Powell, 5g, the retired chairman

of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said the presidential competition did not stir in him "the commitment and the passion" he had felt during his 35 years as a soldier, but he left open the possibility of a political future in another campaign.

"I'm ruling out a run for the presidency in 1996 or running firr any elective office in 1996," General Powell said. His wife, Alma, was at his side as he spoke at a crowded ballroom news conference in Alexandria. Virginia, a Washington suburb.

As a new black Republican, he said, "I believe I can help the party of Lincoln move once again closer to the spirit of Lincoln."

But he declined to endorse any Republican prospect for the White House, saying he would wait and see about that - and also about whom to vote for next November.

The general's decision not to run, after weeks of private agonizing, deprived legions of bopeful supporters of the candidate they saw as the Republican Party's best hope to defeat President Bill Clinton in the November 1996 election.

But it delighted right-wingers within the Republican bloc, who saw the general as too liberal for their tastes.

The decision was also apparently good news for the front-runner for the Republican nomioation, Senator Bob Dole. The general's strength in public opinion polls was such that a candidacy would have been a huge threat to Mr. Dole's chances for the

Opinion polls also showed Geoeral Powell to be the only Republican who consistently defeated Mr. Clinton in direct

Still, the deputy White House chief of staff, Harold Ickes, said there no "sighs of relief" about decision there. "We were prepared to take nur case to the country oo matter what Colin Powell decided to do," Mr. Ickes said.

But another Clinton aide, speaking on condition of anonymity, said, "We've dodged the hig bullet."

While standing aside for the next campaign, General Powell did not rule himself out of political competition for good. "The future is the future." he said.

He said family coocerns were paramnunt to him but that he was not concerned about his personal security. Mrs. Powell said she had concerns about his security, but that her worry on that score was not a factor in his decision.

General Powell said running for president "would require sacrifices and changes in nur lives that would be difficult fur us in make at this time."

Among the problems be would have faced as a candidate would have been attacks from conservatives who saw him as a social liberal. Some Republicans, like the commentator Patrick J. Buchanan, had denounced General Powell as a bogus Republican and vowed to fight him.

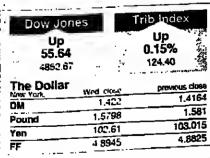
At the other Republican campaigns, there was a rush to suggest that with General Powell nn the sidelines, Mr. Dole's challengers would get a closer look.

'The field is now clear and the race is now between a respected Washington insider Bnh Dolc, and an nutsider, me," said former Governor Lamar Alexander of Tennessee, who has languished in the polls.

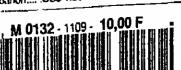
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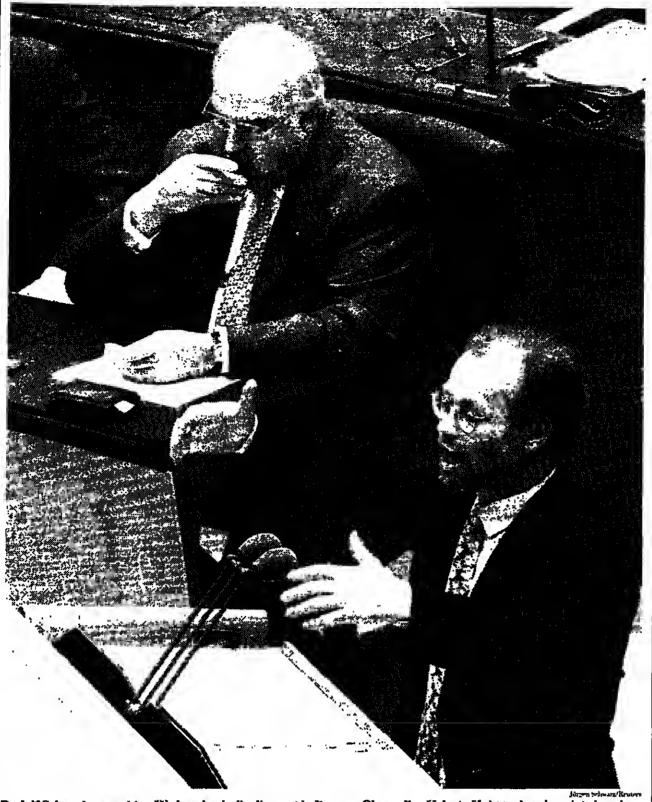
voiced disappointment that the retired general would not be a candidate.

I consider him a great American," said Tim Bush, who led the draft-Powell movenient in New Hampshire. "I think really (AP, Reuters) the country is the loser.



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Rudolf Scharping speaking Wednesday in Parliament in Bonn as Chancellor Helmur Koht took a checolate break.

### Foes Could Sabotage EMU, Kohl Says Political Opponents Assailed in Parliament Debate

BONN - Chancellor Helmut Kohl on Wednesday demanded that his opponents stop attacking a planned merger of European currencies, saying the campaign could raise doubts about German lead-

ership.
"This is a very precious topic," Mr. Kohl said in a sharp rebuke to the left-ofcenter Social Democrats during a budget debate in the lower house of Parliament.
"It lends itself neither to the spinning of

legends nor to cheap populism." European unity must remain the core of German foreign policy at a time when its he said. neighbors "are watching us much more enough." intently than a few years ago," Mr. Kohl

told lawmakers. He also said that launching a single European currency without France would be unthinkable.

thought more than two or three countries er EU countries would give him no room could join the European Unioo's economic and monetary union by its 1999

A single curreocy linking only Germany, Luxembourg and Ireland and leaving out France, Bonn's most important ally, was oot in the cards.

"That would be a false suggestion,"

France's new cabinet pledges to cut the deficit and create jobs. Page 13.

"I have said this often

He brushed off apposition demands to spell out how European monetary union, or EMU, could be brought about and what its effect would be on the man in the street. e unthinkable.

Answering a long list of questions
But he declined to discuss how he about EMU before sitting down with oth-

The chancellor urged the Social Democrats to stop feeding fears by suggesting a single currency might be weak. But the Social Democratic leader, Rudolf Scharping, said Germany needed to debate the issue openly or it would not win support for giving up the Deutsche

"If we don't convince voters in open debate that a common currency, common economic policy and the common defense of social peace are an important concern for Europe, then we will not get their support," he said.

Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel also assailed the Social Democrats, urging them to drop their "Deutsche mark nationalism. This is cheap populism," he said. "We are

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## Israel Arrests 2 More In Rabin Murder Plot

### One of 4 Suspects Leads Group That Claimed Attacks on Arabs

By Daniel Williams ashington Post Service

JERUSALEM — The police arrested two people Wednesday in connection with sassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, one of whom is the leader of a militant anti-Arah group that claimed responsibility for a deadly attack nn Pales-

tinians this year.

Avishai Raviv, the leader of the farrightist Eyal movement, was charged in a Tel Aviv court with conspiracy. The group calls for the expulsinn of Arabs from land under Israeli control and is composed nf disciples of the Jewish supremacist Meir Kahane, who was assassinated in New Ynrk City in 1990.

The name of the other suspect was not

released.

As Mr. Raviv was brought into the courtroom he shouted, "This is a political investigation!" On Mnnday, he called a radio station from hiding to claim that the
police were persecuting his group.

The arrests bring to four the number of
people charged in Mr. Rabin's murder on
Saturday. The authorities have already
cbarged the assassin, Yigal Amir, a law
student who the police said was connected
to Eyal, and his brother, Hagai, who they
said hollowed out the heads of the bullets
that killed Mr. Rabin. that killed Mr. Rabin.

Mr. Amir was apparently alone when he fired three shots at Mr. Rabin as the prime fired three shots at Mr. Rabin as the prime minister entered his car at the end of a peace rally in Tel Aviv. Investigators are trying to determine whether he was part of a rightist conspiracy to kill Mr. Rabin for his efforts to make peace with the Arab world and withdraw Israeli troops from parts of the West Bank.

Just after the assassination, Mr. Raviv said his group "admires the lad for his

said his group "admires the lad for his sincerity, for standing behind his words." He also said, "This man Rabin is respoosible for the murder of hundreds of

He said in a radio interview that he knew Mr. Amir, "but he does not belong to our

unit and we deny any connection to the

Mr. Raviv has been arrested before. In September he was arrested in connection with the killing of a Palestinian man in the West Bank town of Halhnul. Five Israelis dressed as soldiers entered the town, barged into houses, beat up unarmed men and shot a 23-year-old Palestinian while

his father, bound and gagged, looked nn.
He was released nn bail soon afterward.
Few Israelis have been convicted fur attacking or killing Palestinians.
Eyal was formed in 1992 at Tel Aviv

University by students who declared that two other Kahanist groups were "all talk and oo action," said Ehud Sprinzak, an

expert on the radical right.

Mr. Kahane preached that Israel was for the Jews and that killing Arabs strength-ened the Jewish people. He promoted the forceful expulsion of Arabs and Israel's

perpetual control of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.
On Wednesday, as police officers fanned out into the West Bank to raid the hideouts of Kahanist militants, the govemment formed a commission to investigate Mr. Rabin's assassination. But it limited the scope of the inquiry to the killing itself and to how a gunman breached security around the prime minister.

The commission will not take up the broader issue of Israeli extremism, as some cabinet members bad wanted.

The cabinet, in its first meeting under Prime Minister Shimon Peres, beard a scathing report from investigators about the handling of Mr. Rahin's security.

As a result, the head of the unit responsible for guarding Mr. Rabin, a branch of the Shin Bet domestic intelligence agen-

of the Shin Bet domestic intelligence agen-cy, resigned. In addition, the head of the socalled VIP security unit was fired and two bodyguards were suspended.

The report criticized the bodyguards for letting Mr. Amir loiter around Mr. Rabin's car. It faulted them for oot clearing the area

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### Russians Agree to Serve With U.S. Unit in Bosnia

By Craig R. Whitney
New York Times Service

BRUSSELS - Russia and the United States agreed Wednesday on a face-saving it will be very important to have Russian way of allowing about a thousand Russian participation." Mr. Perry said, referring to combat troops to participate in a NATO peacekeeping force in Bosnia by serving

with an American division there. Defense Secretary William J. Perry and Defense Minister Pavel S. Grachev said they had agreed in talks at NATO headquarters here that a Russian brigade con-sisting of two or three infantry battalions could participate in the peacekeeping force this way without technically taking orders from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

General Grachev said, "I would have to draw pictures and show you diagrams," when he was asked for details about how might go forward, but I doubt very much the arrangements would work. Mr. Perry later explained, "What we agreed on today

was a solution for the military control of a Russian brigade that would be operating in an American division.

'If we get a peace agreement in Daytoo, the American-sponsored talks between Serbian, Croatian, and Bosnian leaders in Ohin. But, he said, Russia and the United States still had to resolve the disputed issue of the overall political authority underlying the peacekeeping arrangements.

Wednesday's agreement supersedes a compromise the two meo reached in Ft. Riley, Kansas, last month to allow about 2,000 Russian soldiers in perform noncombat missions such as transporting supplies and clearing roads, U.S. officials said. 'If we can't work out the political control arrangements, the Firt Riley arrangements

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#### AGENDA

### Iraqis Looked Into a Rare Weapon

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**Executives Grilled in Seoul** INTERNATIONAL Iraq's Radiation Bomb

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The UN weapons inspector who has been investigating Iraq's weapons program in the aftermath of the Gulf War has told the Security Council that Baghdad experimented with a radiological weapon, a rare tool of warfare because of its unstable nature.

The Iraqis were looking into whether they could build shells or bombs packed with material heavily radiated in a reactor that could be dispersed in the air or over the ground to sicken or kill opposition forces. The United Nations is still in the first

stages of uncovering details of the program and does not yet know the extent of the experiments. But the inspector said documents showed it was part of Iraq's crash weapons program. (Page 7)



HIGH HOPES - Willie Brown of San Francisco, who forced a runoff with Mayor Frank Jordan. Democrats nationally got a boost in elections. Page 3.

### On the Internet, a Cyber-Sucker's Born Every Minute

By Jerry Knight

Larry Cock was prowling for financial advice oo the Internet one night when he ran across a message that trumpeted the glories of investing in a coconut plantation

Buying into a coconut plantation is "similar to a CD, with a better interest rate," Mr. Cook read in a message on his home computer in Topeka, Kansas. It came from a man in Pennsylvania who said his name was Scott A.

As little as \$10,000 could produce a 20 percent annual profit for the next 50 years, Mr. Frye offered in another message. "How much do you have to invest?"

for selling unregistered securities.

No sucker in cyberspace, Mr. Cook is the director of of the natioo's first undercover investigators on the

Commission in addition to the state charges. Mr. Frye denies he was trying to sell unregistered securities on the Internet. He said in an interview that he doesn't know how the information about his coconut plantation gut on to computer networks.

That's what makes controlling electronic investment scams so difficult, regulators say: It is difficult to track

Instead of sending a check, Mr. Cook served Mr. Frye computer messages and often impossible for investors to with a court order citing him and two companies he owns tell with whom they are dealing or where those people really are.

The SEC and state regulators - working through the enforcement for the Kansas Securities Commission, one North American Securities Administrators Association say they are gearing up to handle the new wave of nternet beat.

Now facing a lawsuit by the Securities and Exchange services, computer bulletin boards and electronic mail to lure potential investors.

In the past few weeks, the SEC and state agencies have filed civil charges against people whn were allegedly using electronic media to manipulate stock prices, promote chain letters, sell shares in a nonexistent mutual

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### **Phone Workers** In Japan Face **Massive Layoffs**

Computed by Our Staff From Despatcher
TOKYO — Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corp. will shed almost a quarter of its work force over the next five years to turn itself into a leaner organization amid a heated debate over its future, the company said Wednesday.

The move to restructure would make it one of the largest ever by a Japanese firm. Japan's largest telephone service operator plans to eliminate 45,000 of its 195,000 jobs by 2000 through early retirement and transfers to affiliated com-

It will also spin off several divisions into separate companies, NTT's president, Masashi Kojima, said.

As a result, NTT will be able to cut the cost of long distance calls because of the money saved, Mr. Kojima said. NTT, a former government monopoly has

been facing increasing pressure to streamline its operations as the government allows new competitors into telephone markets. The company's decisioo also comes as a Japanese government committee debates

whether to split the giant company into separate units, a move that would radically change the face of the Japanese telecommunications industry. Among the areas singled out by NTT for

cuts are directory inquiry services, telephone equipment sales offices, white-collar staff and other local offices.

(Bloomberg, AP, Reuters)

## Revitalized Orthodox Church Searches for Unity

By Marlise Simons New York Times Service

ATMOS, Greece - With his flowing robes, beard and sculptured staff, Patriarch Bartholomew I looks much like an ancient prophet. Indeed, his throne in Istanbul reaches back almost to biblical times. But the leader of the world's Orthodox Christians definitely thinks of himself as a man of this moment.

Just recently, he did as modern heads of organizations do: he called a meeting of chief executives, in this case the primates of the 15 independent Eastern Orthodox churches. They represent more than 170 million faithful. most of them in countries newly freed from

This exceptional gathering — the Orthodox primates had met only once before since the late Middle Ages — meant more than high-level talks on holy and temporal issues. The Orthodox Church, which has played a central role in history and culture across a region from St. Petersburg to Jerusalem, is at a turning point.

Nowhere else is the religious revival more intense than in the former East bloc, the stronghold of Orthodoxy. The collapse of communism and the eod of militant atheism have brought such a flocking to the thousands of reopened churches and a revival of monasteries and seminaries that the overwhelmed clergy are begging for help and money. Patriarch Bartholomew sees an eveo greater

harvest. He believes that this is the moment for the independent Orthodox churches, long isolated and fragmented by politics, to come together and to rehuild the role they long held as a great force in Christendom. Ve now have the possibility to speak with

one voice," he said in September as he trav-

eled by ship to the great assembly on the Greek Other primates and arcbbisbops on board seemed to share that vision. Those from Romania, Slovakia and Ukraine want a stronger alliance because Western preachers of all creeds have been successfully encroaching on

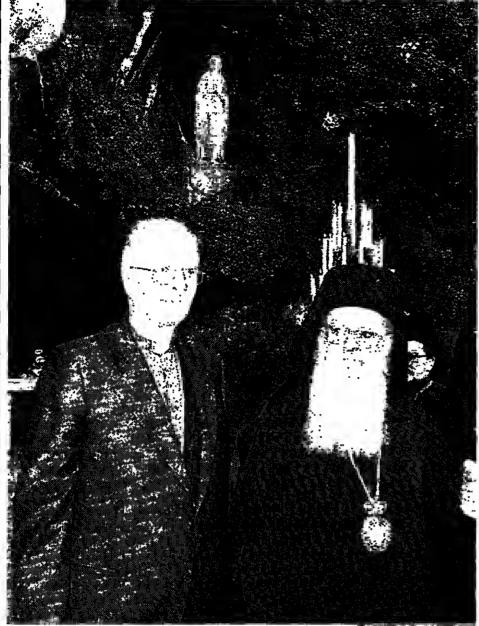
traditional Orthodox territory. In Bulgaria, Greece, Cyprus and Georgia, which border on the Muslim world, priests fear the rise of militant Islam.

But while post-Communist change has giveo Orthodox y a burst of life, it has oot brought peace to all its churches. Nationalist awakening has drawn the Russian church into coo flicts in Ukraine and Estonia as those coun-

tries have pulled away from Moscow. Most painful to many prelates, the church has become a party to the war in Bosnia, where some clerics bave openly sided with the Orthodox Serbs, against the wishes of the Serbian patriarch, Pavle. Relations between the Serbian government of President Slobodan Milosevic and the patriarch are very strained, priests from Belgrade said.

The Orthodox are quick to explain that they have always faced turbulence. In fact, when they speak of their church history, they cite a calendar of occupations and rifts. After the end of the Roman Empire, the Greek-speaking Eastern churches with their different Byzantine liturgy began to drift apart from Western Christianity, which used Latin.

The split came in 1054, when the Pope in Rome ordered the excommunication of the Patriarch of Constantinople because of theological differences. By the 15th century, the Turkish Ottoman empire had drawn a Muslim line through the southern Orthodox lands of the Balkans, though it tolerated Christian practice. Yet when Ottoman rule finally col-



Joseph Duval, left, president of the conference of French hishops, and Patriarch Bartholomew I after saying a prayer in Lourdes, where the conference was held.

lapsed early this century, the northern Orthodox were overrun and persecuted by communism's militant atheists. Such strife has kept the courches apart.

'The resilience of the religion has been amazing," said the Reverend Leonid Kishkovsky, a Russian priest based in New York, noting that as communism closed and destroyed churches, new communities grew stronger as far away as Western Europe, North America and Australia.

. Today, as the primates search for unity, some old fault lines are reappearing and setting fresh obstacles. Behind the brotherly sermons there are new rivalries.

One dispute involves the two main of power, Istanbul and Moscow. Patriarch Bartholomew I, whose see in Istanbul makes him "first among equals." has been at odds with Patriarch Aleksei II of Moscow, who heads the largest cburch.

The Moscow patriarch eveo boycotted the Patmos assembly. He said that he had stayed away because of serious differences with the see in Istanbul over church politics in Estonia

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Paris Court Rules British Airways at Fault in Hostage Case

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man shields to protect strategic

sites from potential bombing by

cally and physically," said Gabriel Chardin, a passenger

who was held hostage for three

"It was really difficult. We

The last two months were

On the ship sailing for Patmos, Patriarch Bartholomew was asked about the issue. He explained that early this year be had supported an Estonian request for autonomy because it was Stalin who had forced Estonia's parishes to submit to the Russian church. But the Moscow patriarch has takeo this as a challeoge to his authority.
"He insists this was for him to decide and at

the very least he should have been consulted." a Russian priest said.

Divisions are worse in Ukraine, where the Orthodox are oow split into four groups, each claiming rights based on schisms in the 17th century and early 20th century. Most now want to secede from Moscow. In this case, too. the Moscow patriarch has accused Istanbul of

unduly encouraging the wayward movement. Losing Ukraine's 7,000 parishes would be a serious blow to Moscow. Ecclesiastical institutions are the least damaged in Ukraine because two-thirds of the churches that stayed open in the Soviet Union were there.

It has also provided Russia with priests: about 70 percent of seminarians came from Ukraine in Soviet times.

A British Airways spokes-man said in London that the Saddam Hussein's troops oc-

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off British commandos. By so

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ney. Dominique Menard.

Some theologians think that the dismem-berment of Russia's enormous church may be as unavoidable as the breakup of the secular Soviet states. They see it as one way of paying a political debt. The opening of the KGB files in 1992 offered ample evidence that some Russian and other Orthodox bishops had col-

laborated with the Soviet secret police. One simmering cootest involves the church of Greece, which for much of communism saw itself as a guardian of Orthodoxy. It cherishes its place as the cradle of the primitive church and the Greek clergy is still present in the historic centers of Istanbul and Jerusalem and places like Cyprus, Albania and North America

But some Greek prelates find cause for alarm in the renaissance of the Russian church. They are convinced that Moscow is using its weight and power to regain its place at the center of the Orthodox world, at the expense of the Greek-led patriarchy in Istanbul.

Timotheos, the archimandrite, or abbot, of a large monastery near Athens, recounted his confrontation with a Russian hishop:

"At a conference I asked him, why do you Russians try to dominate the Orthodox world? He replied: Because we are 200 million people. So I said: Then why didn't you let the Chinese run the Communist world? They were the biggest. He didn't answer me."

OSCOW is frustrated that Greece will oot accept more young Russian monks on Mount Athos in Greece, where there is a cluster of 20 monasteries long considered Onhodoxy's main spiritual center

Suspicious Greek abbots want to limit Russian novices because early this century almost half of the 7,500 monks on Athos were Russians. "They want to flood us again," a Greek

Across the East bloc, though, reviving the closed or dilapidated monasteries and seminaries may be the easy part. The shorthanded clergy there oow have to relearn almost all the roles from which they were cut off, including education and pastoral and social work.

This is one more reason why church leaders, despite their rivalries, want to break out of their isolation and cooperate more closely. The main questinn here is how the regional churches, each one fiercely jealous of its independence, should deal with one other.

Clerics say they are talking about creating new channels or even a formal structure, but not one similar to a ceotral authority like the

Much may depend on Bartholomew, who as the most senior figure provides a forum, sets the agenda and acts as a pivot. In truth, the ecumenical patriarch also needs the support of the other primates because of his own pre-carious position in Istanbul. His diocese there has only about 2,000 faithful left and Muslim fundamentalists and Turkish nationalists have demanded that Turkey expel him.

Since he took office in 1991, the 55-yearold patriarch has shown uncommoo energy and visited all the church primates in the East. This summer be saw the Pope in Rome, and he was in Paris this week.

#### COMING UP

Elisabeth Rehn, a maverick in her former job as Finland's defense minister, makes clear to everyone she meets in the former Yugoslavia that she has no friends, no enemies and no favorites.

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ing that the full invasion of

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(AP, Reuters)

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### Afghan Women Face New Threat

### Fundamentalists Forcing UN Workers to Stay Home

By Barbara Crossette New York Times Service

UNITED NATIONS, New York - Women are being forced out of their jobs at UN offices in Afghanistan because of threats hy self-appointed conservative Islamic councils. officials say. In Jalalabad, in eastern

Afghanistan, where UN agencies are caring for more than 100,000 Afghans recovering from civil war, at least three UN offices have kept women bome rather than risk the collapse of their programs, officials said.

A fundamentalist Islamic movement known as the Taleban is said to be behind the effort to keep women --- from cleaners to engineers, teachers and health workers — in their homes. The Taleban have captured Ialalabad and several other cities in Afghanistan and are now poised to attack Kabul, the capital.

The enforcers of the effort are local groups called shuras, which are organizing mobs to assault women on their way to work at international agencies or volunteer organizations and to sack the offices that employ them, officials say.

Peter Hansen, head of the UN Department of Humanitarian Affairs, said some Afghan women were continuing to work at home or were on paid leave direct number their contracts expired. But Taleban.

he acknowledged that they risked losing their jobs if a com-promise could not be reached.

He said the confrontation posed a ''terrible dilemma'' for UN agencies, including the Commissioner Refugees and Unicef.

Private organizations working in Afghanistan and human rights groups say they are out; raged by what they see as the willingness of the Uoited Nations to abandon women for the sake of smooth relations with religious conservarives.

In a letter to the UN Human Rights Committee, Pamela Collett of the Pakistan-Afghanistan field office of Save the Children, said, "The ques-tion is, should UN agencies continue programming which beoefits only males and/or employs only males in accordance with the shuras' decrees?"

Envoy Suspends Work
A UN special envoy in Afghanistan's civil war said-Wednesday that he was suspending his mission to let Afghan factions negotiate among themselves, Reuters reported from Kabul.

The envoy, Mahmoud Mestiri, told reporters during a brief visit to Kabul to meet with Mr. Rabbani that the Afghanpresident was about to start indirect negotiations with the

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#### TRAVEL UPDATE

### 'Some Hope' of Averting SAS Strike

COPENHAGEN (AFP) — Scandinavian Airlines System said Wednesday it had "some hope" that Norwegian and Swedish cabin staff planning a two-day strike beginning Thursday would call off their action.

The 2,300 cabin staff members walked off the job last Thursday'; and Friday to protest scheduling changes by SAS. They vowed to do the same this week unless their demands were met.

"The two parties are currently negotiating, and we hope they-can reach a compromise today," said an SAS spokesman, Troeis' Rasmusseo. He added that if no agreement was reached by a midnight deadline, "between 250 and 300 flights will be can-celed, especially in Europe."

#### Paris Maintains Air Pollution Alert

PARIS (Reuters) - Health authorities advised children and old people in Paris to avoid prolonged outdoor exercise for the thirdconsecutive day Wednesday in an air pollution alert triggered by

the season's first cold spell. The authorities said that stable cold weather without wind was preventing nitrogen thioxide from car exhaust fumes from dis-

#### New Alarm Over Russian Air Safety 🗉 MOSCOW (AP) - Russian air safety is declining dramat-

ically, and the percentage of serious accidents due to insufficient air traffic control has risen sharply in the 1990s, a senior aviation official said Wednesday.

Alexander Travnikov, director of Air Russian Air Traffic, told the Interfax news agency that the number of fatalities per 1 million passengers had risen from one in 1990 to 5.5 in 1993 and to 32 in the first quarter of 1994. The international average is less than one per 1 million passengers.

The share of accidents due to inadequate air traffic control has

risen from 25 percent to 35 percent in the 1970-1980 period to about 50 percent in the 1990s, he said.

International airline passenger traffic rose 8 percent in the first nine months of 1995, and freight traffic increased 11 percentthe International Air Transport Association reported. (Reuters)

Voters in Aspen, Colorado, rejected by a margin of 60 percent: to 40 percent a measure to expand the city airport's runway to handle bigger jets.

A buge duck migration through the middle of the United-States appears to be winding down after forcing a temporary suspension of operations at airports in Kansas City, Missouri; Des-Moines, Iowa; and Omaha, Nebraska. The airports shut down for several hours last week after the gigantic flocks overwhelmed:

Increases in New York City subway and bus fares that were: to have taken effect oo Sunday have been hlocked by a federal! judge. The fares would have increased to \$1.50 from \$1.25. Suburban train fares are still scheduled to go up an average 8.5



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unscheduled 1990 stopover in

Kuwait that let Iragis take the

passengers as hostages for up to

three months, a French court

The Paris tribunal, ruling on

a lawsuit brought by 61 French

passengers, ordered the airline

to pay 400,000 francs (\$80,000)

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### Australian Spy Chief Seeks Regional Anti-Terrorist Effort

the passengers."

CANBERRA — Australia's counterespionage chief called Wednesday for greater security coop-eration in the Asia-Pacific region, warning that in-creased terrorist activity was likely in the area.

The director-general of the Australian Security Intelligence Organization. David Sadleir, said the region had sufficient local elements, including ethnic and religious disputes and separatist movements, to sustain a steady level of terrorism.

He told the Australian Institute of International prospect of more." Mr. Sadleir said he could offer no Affairs here that other terrorist bodies, frustrated in Europe and the Middle East, were also moving to the

peal. The spokesman, who de-

clined to give his name, called

the ruling "an extraordinary decision in a situation where

British Airways and its crew

were as much a victim as any of

the airline placed the passen-

gers in danger by making the

unplanned stop. Iraq had de-clared war on Kuwait several

The lawsuit cootended that

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But the current counterterrorist arrangements re-

quired to meet the threat lack coordination, be said. There is by the standards of Western Europe and ment of known or suspected terrorists. North America, a fragmented counterterrorist effort."

prescription for an Asia-Pacific anti-terrorist grouping but his agency would cootinue to work to strengthen

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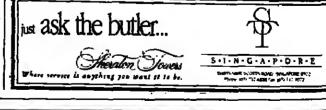
tered during the trial that the an accident oo board a plane.

The key, he said, was to create a mechanism that would permit rapid communications about the move-

'There has been a greater incidence of terrorists he said. "At best," he said, the region "can expect no moving to or through the regions nearby us, and I have less terrorism, and it seems to me there is a credible to say that generally we are kept well-informed."

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WASHINGTON - Democrats have won the Kentucky governorship and all other statewide offices there, held off a Republican assault in Virginia a Republican assault in Virginia and won back control of the Mississippi voters bucked a national trend by rejecting a Maine House in the first signs of a comeback after repeated electoral defeats for three

The best news for the Republican Party was in Mississippi, where Governor Kirk Fordice easily won a second term. But a high-powered Republican bid to take over the Mississippi Senate fell short of expectations.

The voting Tuesday in the off-year elections included dozens of mayoral contests, including a mudslinging brawl in against the former speaker of the California Assembly, Willie Brown, and a promincot lesbian activist, Roberta Acht-

each other in a December runoff because neither won at least half the vote. Mr. Brown had 33.9 percent to Mr. Jordan's 31.4 percent.

Ms. Achtenberg, a former federal housing official who trailed with 27.4 percent, conceded the race early Wednesday and endorsed Mr. Brown. Five other candidates split the remaining votes.

Incumbents who won easy re-election bids included Democrats Kurt Schmoke in Baltimore and Edward Rendell in Philadelphia, and Bob Lanier in Houston's nonpartisan con-

Leaders of both national parties closely watched the gubernatorial contests in Kentucky and Mississippi and legislative races in Virginia, Mississippi and Maine to see whether the Republicans would build on their gains of the last two

The results were mixed. In Kentucky, Lieutenant Govemor Paul Patton narrowly defeated Larry Forgy, a lawyer, dashing his hopes of becoming the first Republican in the Kentucky governor's mansion since

Louie B. Nunn left office in Mr. Patton, a milliooaire coal operator, interpreted the results as a referendum on national politics: "Keotucky has said oo' to Newt Gingrich and Bob Dole. Kentucky has said 'no' to cuts in Medicare," he declared, adding: "Kentucky has said to the Contract with

The Democrats were jubilant, but the White House could not consider the victory much of an endorsement because Mr. Patton had distanced himself from Presideot Bill Clinton and, in a big tobacco state, had vowed not to support him in 1996 if the president kept push-

ing curbs on smoking.

In Mississippi, Governor Fordice, 61, recycled the conservative, anti-government message he used to defeat the incumbent Ray Mabus four years ago to become the state's first Republican governor since 1276.

But Mr. Fordice didn't have the coattails to bring Mississippi Republicans anywhere near capturing the nine seats they would have needed to control the state Senate.

In Maine, Democrats won two special elections and reclaimed a one-vote majority io the House. They had temporarily lost control of the House earlier this year because of party switches.

In New Jersey, where all 80 state Assembly seats were conlested, Republicans maintained their lopsided majority. Among the dozens of propo-

sitions decided by voters: · A proposal in Maine to prohibit laws aimed at protect-ing homosexuals from discrimination was narrowly defeated. Voters in Washington state soundly rejected a measure to homes."

let American Indians install slot and video-poker machines at their casinos and give every registered voter part of the

proposal to limit terms for elected and appointed officials. So far 21 states have set term limits for state lawmakers.

Republicans had invested by far the most effort and money in Virginia, where the party was trying to cap its sweep of Congress last year by winning the Virginia legislature for the first time since Reconstruction.

But the Democrats kept cootrol of the House of Delegates as well as effective control of the Senate, where the outcome San Francisco that pitted the That means Lieutenant Gover-incumbent, Frank Jordan, nor Donald S. Beyer Jr., a left the chamber split, 20 to 20. nor Donald S. Beyer Jr., a Democrat, will break any ties.

By thwarting a Republican takeover in Virginia, the Democrats also delivered a enberg.

Mr. Brown and Mr. Jordan, a former police chief, will face the election into a midterm referendum on his administration. He had counted on a Republican legislature to win approval of elements of his program that have been blocked.

"This was a rejection of the Gingrich revolution." Mr. Beyer said. "People want change, but they want to be sensible. You can't cut your way to prosperity. George Allen will have to work with Democrats to pur-

sue mainstream policies.' Haley Barbour, chairman of the Republican National Committee, sought to play down the nationwide results. "It's a very good year for us," he said, though I wish we could have won them all."

But Democrats, while acknowledging that local issues dominated the scattered elections, sought to draw national conclusions on the outcome.

Even as he savored the victory, Donald L. Fowler, national chairman of the Democratic National Committee, agreed that the Kentucky race was fought on Kentucky issues. But trying to have it both ways, he said, The contention that somehow there's a Republican tide sweeping the county is just malarkey.

In Kentucky, the contest was as much about local issues like roads and taxes as about national concerns. Both Mr. Patton and Mr. Forgy sought to make it a referendum on the stewardship of Mr. Gingrich and the Republican Party nationally. Still, it was bard to read too much into the outcome, particularly since it was so close.

any national implication. "That was a pretty tall mountain and we made it almost to the top, he said. He accused the Democrats of staging "a negative, personal smear attack" to hold on to the governor's of-

's showing was impressive. In the last two races for governor, the Republican candidates did oot draw more than 35 percent in Kentucky.

Still, Tuesday's overall results were a blow to Republicans, who in 1993 won important mayoral races and governorships and last year won their party's first majorities in both houses of Congress in 40 years.

In Virginia, the national parties poured hundreds of thousands of dollars into the battle over the state legislature.

A former governor, L. Douglas Wilder, said Tuesday night: "This juggernaut some thought was sweeping the land got mired in Virginia. The voters said, 'Hold up, old buddy.' Governor Allen failed. He put

cverything on the line."

J. Scott Leake, director of the Joint Republican Caucus, countered that "Democrats really capitalized on fear in the closing days. Everything was what will happen if Republicans win. They were saying we were going to force people to lose homes." (WP, AP, NYT)



Paul Patton celebrating his victory over Larry Forgy on Tuesday to keep the Democrats' grip on the governor's office in Kentucky.

### First City to Elect Black Mayor Picks White One

GARY, Indiana - Nearly 30 years after Gary became the first major American city to elect a black mayor, residents have chosen a white man for the job, saying that change, not race, is what they

The mayor-elect, a Democratic lawyer named Scott King who faced three black moving forward together."

the Tuesday election. In his victory silence questions of whether a white perspeech, Mr. King said that voters in Gary, son should lead a black city. which is 90 percent black, had focused more on the city's high crime rate and depressed economy than on race in choosing a mayor.

"It's oot about race," Mr. King said.
'This election is about all of us, all of us

son should lead a black city.

Richard Hatcher, who became the first black mayor in a major American city when he was elected in 1967, was vocal in his opposition to Mr. King, as was the incumbent mayor, Thomas V. Barnes.

"They had a chance," said Calla Heg-wood, who dismissed their arguments opponents, garnered more than seven
Supporters said they boped Mr. King's and voted for Mr. King. "King is the best
times as many votes as his closest rival in large margin of victory would finally man for the job."

## So, What's Become of the Tax Break?

### A Few Will Get Windfalls, but Most Won't Be Affected

By David E. Rosen New York Times Service

cularly since it was so close. political crossfire over the Re-Mr. Barbour pooh-poohed publicans' tax cuts that are now crage tax cut under the Senate \$30,000 — would have a tax class family by any reasonable affected one way or the other. A computer analysis shows chines.

that the big budget bill passed by the Senate last mooth would Despite his defeat, Mr. For- not change the taxes paid by 68 million bouseholds, or 55 percent of all of those in the United States. That is mainly because these families include no children under 18 and sold oo investments during the year.

About 13 million bouseholds, taxes increased or would receive a smaller payment from the govemment under the earned-income tax credit than they would otherwise receive. This figure will almost certainly drop be-

fore the bill becomes law. vestors can expect windfalls.

break, the amount would be Democrats stated or implied that schoolteachers earning \$35,000 WASHINGTON - In the quite small. For instance, ac- more than half of all taxpayers apiece who have three children triaking their way through Con-gress, a crucial point has geo-\$30,000 to \$50,000 would be plan, an assertion that was based gress, a crucial point has geo-erally been overlooked: Most \$249 next year — about 68 on a misreading of stanistics de-Americans' taxes would out be cents a day, or less than enough veloped by the congressional tax to buy a soda out of many ma- staff.

The computer analysis was be no more than 10 percent and taxes would be reduced by conducted by Citizens for Tax might be as low as 1.5 percent, \$1,500, or more than 20 per-Justice, a union-sponsored re- depending on how "tax insearch organization, using gov-ernment data. Tax specialists in Congress and the treasury department do oot take issue with the analysis.

to seem more consequential than they really are.

lican from Michigan, declared. "In part, I came here to the U.S. from the current 28 percent. Senate and ran for this office so Middle-class families with that families who are sending too specific circumstances can ex-several children and wealthy in-many of their dollars to Wash-pect a windfall in the years

But for most of the 43 million keep more of what they earn." taxpayers who would get a tax. On the other side, many a family that consists of two

> In fact, the proportion would crease" is defined. The details of the tax legis-

lation must still be worked out in the Senate-House conference committee on the budget leg-In the coogressional debate islation. But two main provi-on the budget legislation, the sions seem certain to be in the or 10 percent, would have their tax measures were often made final measure: a \$500-per-child taxes increased or would receive to seem more consequential tax credit for middle-income taxpayers and a reduction in the For instance, Senator Spencer maximum tax rate on capital Abraham, a first-term Repubgains—the profits from the sale. gains — the profits from the sale.
of investments — to 19.8 percent

> That means that taxpayers in ington would get a chance to ahead, assuming the overall

definition. If they have oo other income, this family can expect to pay about \$7,000 in federal income taxes this year. But if they get a \$500 tax cut for each child next year, their income taxes would be reduced by

Wealthy investors are the other category of taxpayers who would stand to benefit most from the legislation. For instance, someone who sold \$1 million worth of stock that cost \$500,000 would save \$41,000 in taxes — the difference between a tax rate of 28 percent and one of 19.8 percent oo a profit of \$500,000.

#### POLITICALNOTES

#### Senate Delays Vote on Abortion

WASHINGTON — Abortion-rights proponents won their effort Wednesday to delay Senate action on a bill banking some rare late-term abortions until hearings are held.

Before a vote could be taken to send the bill to the Judiciary Committee, the measure's sponsor heeded the advice of the Senate majority leader, Bob Dole, and gave up his effort to prevent hearings. "Senator Dole and I have discussed this and while neither

one of us thinks this is necessary, we do think it may not be a bad idea in that the more one learns about this horrible procedure, the harder it is to defend it," said the bill's sponsor, Bob Smith, Republican of New Hampshire.

The Senate voted, 91 to 6, to give the committee 19 days in which hold hearings.

Arlen Specter, Republican of Pennsylvania, a candidate for his party's presidential nomination, had led the effort to defer the measure by sending it to the Judiciary Committee for hearings. President Bill Clinton opposes the bill. The House has already approved it.

Proponeots in the Senate objected to the delay, saying hearings were not necessary because the House had already devoted a day to testimony.

Mr. Smith threatened to attach his bill to other legislation unless it was given a vote on its own merits. The bill would impose a two-year prison term and fines on any doctor who "partially delivers the living fetus before

killing the fetus and completing the delivery. The doctor also would be liable for civil damages if sued by the woman's family. The bill provides, however, that during court proceedings an acceptable defense would be that the

#### Gingrich Shrugs Off Veto Threat

procedure was necessary to save the mother's life.

WASHINGTON — The House speaker, Newt Gingrich, shrugged off a suggestion from the White House on Wednesday that President Bill Clinton would veto any spending or borrowing bill that binds his hands in his budget duel with

"I'd like 10 negotiate with the president," said Mr. Gingrich, Republican of Georgia. "Idly sitting down at the White House issuing veto threats is not a very useful step towards gov-

Mr. Clinton's press secretary, Michael McCurry, had suggested that the president would veto any bill that contained controversial extra provisions or restricted the administration's ability to juggle the books to stave off default. "The president is not going to let them use default to try to accomplish other issues," Mr. McCurry said. "He's also not going to let them, in the process of dealing with default, ruin this government's ability to regulate its own financial affairs.

With government spending and borrowing authority about to expire, a bill raising the nation's debt limit until Dec. 12 was expected to reach the House floor on Thursday. But House conservatives were prepared to demand add-ons such as the climination of the Commerce Department and the restriction of appeals by many criminal defendants. (AP)

#### Quote /Unquote

Steve Merrill, governor of New Hampshire, endorsing Bob Dole for president on Wednesday, giving the Republican front-runner a boost in the leadoff primary state at a time when his poll numbers have slipped: "I believe if you want to live in land of the free, you must also live in the home of the brave, and my friend Bob Dole is a brave American." (AP)

#### **Away From Politics**

Lawyers for the families of Ronald L. Goldman and Nicole Brown Simpson have filed papers in court strongly opposing the request of O.J. Simpson that all pretrial proceedings, including his deposition, in their wroogful death cases be kept secret. "We will resist Mr. Simpson's attempt to conduct this lawsuit in secrecy," said Daniel M. Petrocelli, the attorney who represents Fred Goldman, Ronald Gold-

Four youths with razor-blade cutters attacked a 45-yearold man and stole his artificial leg, leaving him bleeding on the street in New York. An ambulance crew later found John Hammonds, who had lost his leg to cancer years ago, crawling away for help. The attackers, ages 15 to 20, were arrested after another man's cheek was slashed for 30 cents, the Daily News reported. They were charged with first-degree robbery and

 Storms and tornadoes that whipped across Georgia. North Carolina and South Carolina crushed mobile homes, injured dozens of people and ripped off roofs. A twister in Albany, Georgia, injured at least 30 people and caused millions of dollars in damage. In South Carolina, 22 people in 16 counties were injured.

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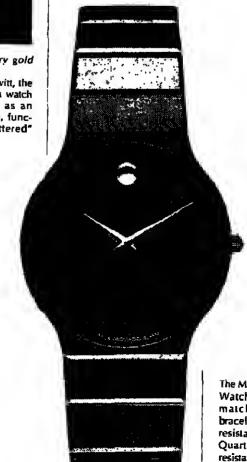
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### **Executives Grilled** In Seoul Inquiry

ing figures in the South Korean that these were acquired with business community, including Mr. Roh's slush money, a sean in-law of former Presideot nior prosecutor said.

Roh Tae Woo, were brought in Mr. Shin's daughter is marfor questioning Wednesday in a ried to Mr. Roh's son, Jae Hun, probe of Mr. Roh's illegally who earlier this year joined the amassed funds, and a prosecu-ruling Democratic Liberal Partor said the giant Daewoo ty with an eye to the National Group was deeply involved. Assembly elections scheduled

The opposition, meanwhile, for next April. dismissed the investigation as

Prosecution authorities confirmed reports that they had evidence that the Daewoo (business) Group was involved in helping Mr. Roh launder \$39

have long triggered rumors that the group might be operating a slush fund for Mr. Roh.

The opposition dismissed the helping Mr. Roh launder \$39
millioo of the \$650-million
slush fund he amassed while in as a charade aimed at clouding office from 1987 to 1993.

\$79 million and hid the money in its bank accounts, prosecu-tors said. 1992 campaign. Poliocal commentators said.

The most conspicuous of the country a six high-profile busi-

Mr. Roh's son, was quietly

Agence France-Presse courses, that the group bought SEOUL — Some of the leading the early 1990s. It is thought

Aggressive property invest-ments by the Dong Bang group, built around its edible oil firm,

the overriding issue of whether A smaller group, Hanbo, the incumbent president, Kim helped Mr. Roh launder another Young Sam, received slush money from Mr. Roh for his

Prosecutors said the business summoned to the Prosecutor leaders were suspected of of-General's Office for question- fering kickbacks or donations ing on prime real estate, in- to Mr. Roh, who has confessed cluding office blocks and golf to amassing a \$650-million



BATTLING IN TAIPEI — Supporters of Huang Huang-hsiung, leader of the opposition Democratic Progressive Party, fighting with police Wednesday in front of the governing Kuomintang's headquarters. They demand that President Lee Teng-hui, chairman of the Kuomintang, make public the party's financial assets. rarty, uguing with ponce weomestay in front of the governing knowlinding s headque ness leaders questioned on Wednesday was an in-law of the former president — Shin Myoung Soo, owner of the Dong Bang Corporation.

Mr. Shin, the father-in-law of Mr.

On Wednesday, prosecutors questioned five other leaders of the South Korean business

Five more have been sum- evening. moned for Thursday.

Also summoned Wednesday world, including the owners of Samsung, Dong-A, LG, Daelim Ja Kyung, was the first to return chairman, Chung Ju Yung, who summoned on Wednesday, but and Hanil groups, on suspicion home Wednesday after seven told prosecutors he would sub-

mit himself on Thursday. Two other hig names in South Korean business, the Daewoo Group leader, Kim Woo Jung, and the Lotte Group

#### BRIEFLYASIA

#### 8 Timorese Flown to Portugal

JAKARTA — Eight East Timorese men who sought asylum in the Dutch Embassy left Jakarta on Wednesday eveoing on a flight to Portugal via Amsterdam, an official of the International Committee of the Red Cross said.

The official, Henri Fournier, head of the committee's delegation in Jakarta, said: "On the request of the Dutch

government and with the full acceptance of the Indonesian authorities, the ICRC has been asked to facilitate the immigration to Portugal of these eight persons from East Timor." He said Portugal, the former colonial power in East Timor, had pledged to accept them.

(AFP)

#### Malaysia Seeks to Defuse Critics

KUALA LUMPUR — Malaysia said Wednesday it had stepped up efforts to create a "Malaysian Page" on the Internet to counter criocism in the foreign press, just days after threatening to ban Asiaweek, a regional newsmagazine, for alleged

"We will use the Internet to overcome the problem of confusing reports on Malaysia made by groups bent on undermining the confidence of investors in the country and its leadership," Information Minister Mohamed Rahmat was quoted as saying by the Bernama news agency. (AFP)

#### Interference in Tibet Is Denied

BEIJING — China has rejected allegations of religious repression in Tibet, saying that citizens were free to choose and practice their faith and accusing critics of trying to bring the regioo under foreign control.

The article in the Oct. 30 edidon of the Tibet Daily, seen here Wednesday, appeared ahead of a secretive meeting that began Monday in Beijing and is believed to be focused on the controversial selection of the reincarnation of the Panchen Lama, Tibet's second-highest religious leader. (AFP)

#### China Faults Factory Polluters

BETING — China's mushrooming township enterprises are emitting "dangerous" levels of pollution, with 20 million ventures spewing out 4.3 hillion tons of waste water last year, reports said Wednesday.

Entrepreneurs pay too much attention to profit and growth rates while neglecting the impact of their activities on the covironment, the Guangming Daily quoted Xia Haiyong, a professor at Nanjing University, as saying.

(AFP)

#### **VOICES** From Asia

Fidel V. Ramos, president of the Philippines, partly blaming some officials for the high death toll from the typhoon designated Angela and threatening to take them to count for negligence: "How many years have we been talking about disaster preparedness? After several years we expected every municipality to have a preparedness and action plan." [AFP]

Ian Perkin, chief economist of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, about Hong Kong's 3.5 percent unemployment rate, which is high, historically, for Hong Kong and has prompted populist calls for legislative action: "It's a beautiful political issue. It's a dreadful economic terms."

### Sri Lankans Reject Relief Agencies' Plea

### Aid to Refugees Is Blocked

By John F. Burns New York Times Service

vancing troops oghteo their grip on the rebel-beld city of Jaffna, the government has rejected appeals from the United large amounts of aid would be Nations and international relief diverted to rebel military units. agencies for permissioo to mount stepped-up independent Call for a Cease-Fire operations to care for tens of thousands of people who have fled the fighting.

announced that all food, shelter and medical care must be funneled through the government's

own relief operation.

The president's move may put at risk some of the growing support her 15-month-old government has received from Western countries in its effort to defeat the rebels.

It came after a three-week government military offensive on the Jaffna Peninsula at the Spratty Talks northern tip of this island country that has dramatically altered the balance of the war with the rehels' organization, the Lib-eration Tigers of Tamil Eelam. In fighting that has caused at least 5,000 casualties on the two

sides, government troops have arrived, and temporarily halted, almost at the gates of the city of Jaffna, where the Tiger rebels, fighting for an independent state for Sri Lanka's Tamil minority, have made their headquarters for five years.

400,000 according to various estimates, have moved eastward from Jaffina into areas of the law of the sea. region still under rebel cootrol. Relief agencies, supported by accounts given by refugees spoken of vast encampments of Rodolfo Severino.

people living in the opeo, in monsoon rains, with little food. shelter, or medical care. Some accounts have warned of a risk of endemic diseases, including diarrhea and cholera.

UN relief ageocies joined a number of relief organizations active in Sn Lanka during the 12-year-old conflict, including the International Committee of the Red Cross, to request the government's help in mounting emergency operations to deliver supplies across government lines into rebel-held areas.

After a meeting Monday at

quests were turned down. Foreign Minister Lakshman Kadirgamar said at a news con-COLOMBO - As its ad- ference that the government

Moderate Tamil groups on Wednesday called for an immediate cease-fire in the war and Instead, President Chandrika said the flight of refugees from Bandaranaike Kumaratunga has the rebel-held north was out of control, Reuters reported.

"The loss of life has been unprecedentedly heavy," the groups said in a statement, and "people are facing starvation."

### Hanoi Sees With Manila

Agence France-Presse
HANOI — Vietnam and the Philippines have agreed to resolve peacefully disputes about the Sprarly Islands in the South China Sea, the Nhan Dan news-

Paper reported Wednesday.
The official organ of the Communist Party said that the two sides would settle disputes over the Spratiys "through Many Tamils who live in the peaceful negotiations in a spirit peninsula, between 100,000 and of frieodship and equality, and in accordance with the United Nations 1982 coovention on the

The report followed talks in Hanoi on Monday and Tuesday between the Vietnamese deputy arriving in government-held ar-eas south of the peninsula, have and his Philippine counterpart.

> The meeting, the fourth annual bilateral talks between the two countries, focused on the Spratlys and the South China

The archipelago, thought to be rich in oil, is claimed in whole or part by Brunei, China, Malaysia, the Philippines, Taiwan and Vietnam. It is considered a potential military flashpoint

The two men stressed their countries' commitment to making the islands an area of peace. stability, cooperation and development, and urged all con-Temple Trees, Mrs. Ku- cerned parties to respect basic maratunga's heavily fortified international principles governing the sea.

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### Tears Amid Many Candles

By Alan Cowell New York Times Service

the moment when Yitzhak Ra- not relish the idea. hin's granddaughter broke down and sobbed at his funeral. Perhaps it was a phenomenon that had already been building in the peace songs and the ral-lies that preceded his death.

However it is explained, the assassination of the Israeli leader has inspired something close to a spiritual fervor among many of Israel's young people that many other Israelis regard as extraordinary — a hlend of adulation and idealistic political belief borne hy a sense of deep, personal loss.

If there are defining images of the nation's grief, they lie in the visions of young people lighting countless candles at makeshift memorials in central Tel Aviv and in the catch of the granddaughter's voice at the hurial Monday, when the 18-year-old, Noa Ben-Artzi, spoke of Mr. Rabin as "the pillar of fire before the camp."

'I felt that she said things that many of us thought were said Noam Bacharach. 14, a high school student who went Wednesday to deliver a condolence letter to the Rabins' high-rise apartment house in a rainy Tel Aviv suburb.

When he was shot, we felt we lost a part of ourselves, that we lost a grandfather, too,

For some, the torrent of young emotion represents a benchmark change. "When he fell as a vicum said Mr. Rahin's widow, Leah, the spectacle of "all those children and all those youth coming up to speak for him and what he was doing" showed that something

"We are living in something that was not true two days ago," she said. By contrast, in the most cynical of views, the passions are restricted to young. secular people, and reflect a display of sentiment that has occurred simply because young people gather instinctively,

the currency of adolescence. Yet, in Israel, teenage years have harsher connotation than to protect itself against further in many other countries: from violence. Attorney General the age of 18, every Israeli must Michael Ben-Yair serve three years in the army.

The peace that Mr. Rabin promised, thus, represented the offer of a new life without mil- a grave disruption of the rule of itary duty, disruption and danger order — up to the point of an-man offer that is perceived by other political murder," he said many to have been withdrawn or in an interview with the news-

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that is going to make the changes," said Saev Sagir, 18, a student who is to start military TEL AVIV - Perhaps it was service in two weeks and does

"People are really scared of going into the military," he You are going to fight for your life every day."
Roten Albelda, 23, said,

"It's like there's a hig hole in me, or a big ball of confusion and fear." Mr. Albeida, an El Al airline steward who, with Mr. Sagir, fumbled to light a candle in the newly renamed Yitzhak Rahin Square in central Tel Aviv on Wednesday. It was there that the Israeli leader was shot to death hy another young Israeli, 25-year-old Yigal Amir. on Saturday night. "I really trusted him," Mr. Albelda said of Mr. Rabin. "I trusted the way be was leading us.

Tom Segev, an author and columnist, wrote in Ha'aretz newspaper that "the most surprising thing this week was the readiness of young people to adopt Rabin as their hero.

They sat around candles, wrote down songs on paper, scorched the edges of it and placed them in front of themselves as if they were sacred."

"Maybe, who knows, the children thought that Rabin was giving them a new world without basic training in Gaza," he wrote. In Yitzhak Rabin Square — formerly Kings of Israel Square — thousands of candles burned, but squalls of rain sweeping in from the Mediterranean quenched many of them. Still, though, as the rain eased into crystal, winter sunshine, people still made their pilgrimages to light the candles anew.



An agent patrolling Wednesday outside the prime minister's office in Jerusalem as the Israeli cabinet was meeting.

## Berlusconi Group Fails to Agree on Coming Budget Vote

ROME - Italy's center- said ight political grouping led by former Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi failed to agree on mentary vote on the government's 1996 budget.

Mr. Berlusconi, in a statement issued at a meeting with other party leaders in his Freedom Alliance political grouping, said the center-right would support the budget, currently before the Senate, only if rad-

ical changes were made.
"The Freedom Alliance will vote against the budget unless the amendments made to it are so radical and so much in line with our own program and our own ideas as to allow us to make a different appraisal of

the package," Mr. Berlusconi

His position appeared contrary to that of his moderate allies, who have said that the Wednesday over a key parlia- group should be more openminded about improving and then backing the budget. Raffaele Costa, leader of the

Federalists and Liberal Democrats said, "There are important issues on which we are substantially in agreement, and there are other not-unimportant aspects on which we must still establish a common position.

Mr. Costa said one area still undecided was whether the Freedom Alliance would present amendments to the budget when it reaches the Chamber of Deputies later this month as a unified group or whether each party in the alliance would suggest its own changes.

The budget has to be ratified by the Senate hy Nov. 16. It is then scheduled to pass to the lower chamber for debate on Nov. 20.

Prime Minister Lamberto Dini should have no problem tions or political demonstrations and getting the draft budget law ac-"A guy who does this is not Or- cepted in the Senate, where his dox," said Rabhi Steven Dworken, center-left supporters can

muster a majority. executive director of the 1,000-member Rabhinical Council of America, which condemned anti-Rabin rhetoric before fight in the lower chamber, where the Freedom Alliance, together with the Marxist Com-

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votes to kill the package. Mr. Dini, whose budget aims 32.5 trillion lire (\$20.4 billion),

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Mr. Dini has said he would once the budget is adopted.

### Only Jewish Extremists Back Killer's View of Law

good deed."

By Debbi Wilgoren Washington Post Service

Yigal Amir's claim that Jewish law obligated him to kill Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin echoes the most extreme possible interpretation of ancient hiblical and religious texts, and it is anathema to all but the most radical fringe of Orthodox Jews, according to interviews with rabhis and Middle East scholars.

Mr. Amir sickened Jews around the world by announcing in a Tel Aviv courtroom Monday that "the murder was my obligation" according to religious law. But those who have studied the growth of religious extremism in Israel and among American Jews said his declaration was rooted in radical moral codes outlined in the last two years by a handful of rabhis determined

to prevent the loss of land they consider the Jewish people to an alien people is guilty of the sin for which the penalty is death," the far-right Rabbi Avraham sacred in exchange for a promise of peace they consider impossible.

To them, the 73-year-old war hero was Palestinians, whom they call a modern Amalek, the nation that battled against the ancient Israelites as they fled bondage in Egypt and whose memory God ordered Moses to "utterly blot out." These zealots considered Mr. Rabin a

traitor or "pursuer" intent on eroding the Jewish state, the rabbis and professors said, adding that the eminent 12th century scholar Maimonides said that a traitor must be killed if doing so will prevent others from being harmed. "According to Jewish law, any one

person who willfully, consciously, in-

Hecht of Brooklyn told New York Magabandoning their cause for that of the azine in October, explaining why he de-Palestinians, whom they call a modern clared in June that Mr. Rabin should be killed. "And according to Maimonides - you can quote me - it says very clearly. 'If a man kills him, he has done a

> Across the United States and Israel, hundreds of Orthodox rabhis decried this interpretation as hlasphemous.

Those who would support Mr. Amir several rabbis and Jewish studies professors said, and are misusing the law to justify extreme political positions.

An individual is not qualified to detentionally hands over human bodies or clare a political opponent a traitor, these human property or the human wealth of experts said. Even if he were, they said,

Middle East scholars agreed that those who condone Mr. Rahin's slaying make up the barest fraction of the tens of

other way to stop a threat, such as elec-

thousands of Orthodox Jews who opare taking rabhinical law out of context, pose the peace talks on religious to trim next year's deficit by grounds. But they said Mr. Amir's action could be seen as the most extreme has said passage is crucial for extension possible of the Messianic re- Italy's economy. ligious rhetoric that has fueled the Orthodox Zionist settler movement since resign at the end of the year Israel captured the West Bank in 1967.

> 1985, "cannot understand the postwar history of Ger-

### ISRAEL: 2 New Suspects Are Arrested in the Assassination of Rabin

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as Mr. Rabin descended into the basement parking lot, for not guarding his back and for not calling the hospital as Mr. Rabin's car rushed him there. In addition, the report crit-

whether at a rock concert or icized Shin Bet for lacking inschool yard, because emodon is telligence information on radical anti-Arab groups. The government also moved

public that the assassination

might inspire copycat killings.
"There is a serious danger of paper Hàaretz.

Education Minister Amnon

act against all those who infounded by Kahane, suggested showed Mr. Rabin and Mr. dulge in incitement to murder that Mr. Peres should have rea-Peres dangling from a gallows. or violate the peace or endanger son to fear for his life because of Beneath was the caption: "Yidemocracy. Up until now, the police, the prosecution and the the Palestinians. attorney general have not pros-He said Mr. Peres was vulecuted those who committed in-

to murder.' Grief over Mr. Rabin's death appareotly has not altered the rhetoric of some who opposed his peace efforts.

The police were searching or several rabbis who they said had distributed leaflets saying that Mr. Rabin's murder was sanctioned under Jewish law.

And they detained one rabbi from southern Israel, accusing him of incitement by praising Mr. Rabin's assassin. His name was not released.

Noam Federman, a spokesthe next generation is the one Rubinstein said: "We have to man for the Kach movement

his role in peacemaking with

nerable because Israelis have citement, including incitement been killed by Palestinians who

'Any Jew that brings other Jews to a situation where they are afraid to take buses, afraid that does that has to be afraid that someone will get unset and kill him." Mr. Federman said.

Arba, a Kahane supporter said values we have taught to our he expected the outlawed group children - love for the Jewish to keep up its call for violence people, respect for one's fellow against the government.

And at a Jewish seminary as aid.

Tapuah, students paid homage said.

"We ask for forgiveness and A drawing on a bookstand absolution."

gal Amir lives."

The family of Mr. Amir. however, was contrite. The fund and lure investors into an family posted a letter outside their bome, addressed to the Rabins.

"A great tragedy has befallen us and the entire people of Israel with our son's murder of ford to walk on the street, any leader Prime Minister Yitzhak Rahin. The loathsome murder caused terrible tragedy that shook to its stop all of them. In the settlement of Kiryat foundations the education and man, love for the country and

#### SCAM: **EUROPEAN** Easy Pickings Continued from Page 1

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expect we are going to have a lot more of this," pre-dicted the commissioner of securities in Texas, Denny Craw-

Though regulators are learning quickly about the scams. "With a 'boiler room,"

Ms. Crawford said, meaning a place where "investments" are sold by phone, "you have a physical location you can track down. Sometimes it's very difficult to figure out where an electronic message emanated. It can take substanual resources to track it down."

And, she said, computers and on-line communication can lend credibility to an investment scheme that more savvy people might otherwise avoid Generally, people are sophisticated enough to know they should be very skeptical of people who call on the phone. But when one sits down in a front of a computer screen, one's de-

fenses tend to drop."

The incentive can be reward-

ing to the thief. Richard Adelman of the Boston office of the SEC said: "If you have an Internet connection and can get your ad out and hundreds of thousands of people read it. all you need is a few

to make money. This week, the SEC obtained a court order against a German woman, Reneta Haag, who it contends took in more than \$1 millioo selling notes that promised investors returns of 200 percent to 400 percent a year. The commission claims that she worked with associates in Missouri and North Carolina who used investor areas on CompuServe and America On-

line to contact investors. An investment offer that is posted on a computer network is subject to state securities laws in any state where it can be received, regulators said.

So, most on-line investment scams can be prosecuted under existing mail and wire fraud laws, they said. But they have to find them first.

**TOPICS** 

Of Old Berlin Wall

Keeping a Memory

The hated Berlin Wall was still a fresh memory when Berliners began planning ways to mark its path. for memory's sake. Within six months of the first symbolic breaching of the wall. in 1989, one million tons of concrete bad been disposed of; selected pieces were sold to memento hunters. but most was crushed and used for paving material.

Today, only two portions of the main wall still stand (on Bernauer Strasse and Niederkirchner Strasse); only one of 215 watch towers is still in place. Tourists wander, sometimes in vain, in search of vestiges.

There has been no shortage of ideas for marking the wall's course.

Several artists proposed in April 1990 that it be planted in lupine, with its white, rose, yellow or hlue flowers. One woman sug-gested a "silvery band" of aluminum; another artist wanted a colorful concrete mosaic. Last November, copper bands were installed over one short stretch of the

wall. But most of those who spoke at a hearing in June on how best to mark the wall pleaded for a sober approach, reports the weekly magazine Der Spiegel. This could well be an idea pushed by Albert Eckert, a Greens cultural spokesman: a double row of cobble-

stones.
"It's a material very typical of Berlin," says Mr. Eckert.

Meanwhile, the remaining fragments of the wall have taken on new importance.

"Anyone who has not seen the wall," said Manfred Fischer, a priest whose East Berlin church, in the wall's shadow, was dynamited by authorities in

many.'

**Around Europe** 

Lively competition make that fierce competition - will hit French funeral homes Jan. 1. when a law deregulating the death husiness takes effect, Key players bave wasted no time. In July, SCI, a big American company with branches in Canada and Britain, bought out the funeral subsidiary of Lyonnaise des Eaux, which had been losing market share. The Pompes Funebres Européennes and its allied Roc'Eclerc have built a 5 percent share of this 5 billion franc market, which includes coffins, hearses and rental of casket bearers. But deregulation is expected to profit the many small providers. The fight will be over a shrinking pie - pcople are living longer in France, home of Jeanne Calment, the world's oldest living person. And it will be at least five years before the graying of the Bahy Boom

again. A Dutch court dropped a murder charge this week against a doctor accused of killing a severely deformed newborn. The ruling by the Amsterdam Court of Appeal further erodes the country's strict limitations on euthanasia. Government guidelines demand that patients repeatedly and lucidly ask for death. Tuesday's decision - in the case of a 3-day-old suffering in excruciating pain from severe brain, spinal and leg deformities was seen as opening the door to so-called mercy killings of those unable to ask for death.

allows business to pick up

Euthanasia is still techrically illegal in the Netherlands. But doctors who follow the guidelines are virtually guaranteed of immunity from prosecution. International Herald Tribune

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### **UNION:** Kohl on France

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prepare a joint position with France. Mr. Kohl said Germany would probably not be able to get all it wanted at an intergovernmental conference next year hut would push for further European integration in areas

like crime and immigration.
"We need to take another decisive step," he said. Mr. Kohl again called for both a deepening and a widening of the EU, repeating that Germany's eastern border must not constitute the Union's east-

em border. He added that there could be no political unioo without economic and monetary union. But he said Germany had to move "step hy step" in winning

He also said the fact that only Germany and Luxembourg fulfilled the Maastricht treaty economic criteria for joining in a single currency was "momen-

## NATO: Russia Agrees to Let Its Troops Serve in U.S. Division in Bosnia

Russian officials insist that Grachev said that the comman-eral Joulwan would be comder of the Russian force, overall political control over Colonel General Leontii P. the mission, and France has also Shevtsov, would take orders dimade similar arguments. rectly from the commanding The United States and most general of the American divi-

would serve. all NATO needs is a Security Council resolution authorizing deployment of the force. The NATO allies have agreed that UN officials would not have based in Germany, who would any ability to interfere with mil- take his orders from the Amer-

itary operations of the NATO ican general in charge of the N. Yeltsin, insisted that his peacekeeping force, General

manding the peacekeepers in his role as supreme NATO military commander in Europe, American officials said.

The United States has insisted that the peacekeeping force, expected to number 60,000 troops in all, had to be under clear and unambiguous NATO command but wanted Russians to participate somehow.

forces could never serve as subordinates of the alliance he and But the Russians would turn many of his compatriots saw as their principal adversary during

the Cold War. The resolution by Mr. Perry and General Grachev on their third meeting on the subject was largely sleight of hand, made easier perhaps by the small size of the Russian contingent and perhaps by the fact that Mr. Yeltsin is ailing.

The plan preserves unity of command but does not require Russian forces to be under NA-But Russia's president, Boris TO command, "Mr. Perry said.

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its partners over to the German point of view.

He also repeated that it was impossible to imagine one without France.

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that the two will both be done," a Defense Department official said. the United Nations should have

peacekeeping force once it goes in after a settlement is reached in Bosnia. Mr. Perry and General

of the rest of the allies believe sion with which the Russians That is Major General William Nash, commander of the 1st Armored Division,

George A. Joulwan. a blind eye to the fact that Gen-



Mr. McNamara returning to his hotel in Hanoi on Wednesday after talks at the Institute for Foreign Relations.

### A Call to 'Draw the Lessons of Vietnam' McNamara, in Hanoi, Delivers Anti-War Message

U.S. defense secretary during the Vietnam War, told his former enemies Wednesday that the conflict he helped to escalate should be a lessoo for humanity in the next millennium.

Mr. McNamara, 79, speot almost three hours talking to students and experts at the Foreign Ministry's Institute for In-ternational Relations.

'We have to draw the lessons of the Vietnam War to avoid other wars in the next century," a Vietnamese source quoted him as saying.

Mr. McNamara reportedly said that the United States had "underestimated the fighting spirit" of the Vietnamese peo-

He played a major role in escalating the war in his 1961-1968 tenure at the Pentagon, but acknowledged this year in his memoirs, "In Retrospect," that decisionmaking in Washington had been riddled with errors. Mr. McNamara's book, greet-ed with widespread indignation in the players in the conflict. United States, described the war as "a tragic mistake

A Vietnamese diplomat described Mr. McNamara as a "historic figure" and

said that his visit was "overwhelmingly HANOI -- Robert S. McNamara, the symbolic and emotional, as he oo looger

carries any political weight." 'If he had come before the normalization of ties, it would have been far more important," the diplomat said.

The United States and Vietnam completed the normalization of relations three

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mooths ago, after the 20th anniversary of the fall of Saigon.

Mr. McNamara arrived in Vietnam late Tuesday to help organize a conference on the Vietnam War to be held

The emotional climax of the visit is likely to come Thursday, when Mr. Mc-General Vo Nguyen Giap, now 83.

2 Dissidents Sentenced

Vietnam seotenced two longtime Communist dissidents to prison Wednesday on charges of acting against the in-terests of the state, and the family of one of them was quoted as saying he might oot survive the sentence, Reuters reported from Hanoi.

Hoang Minh Chinh, 76, and Do Trung Hieu, 57, were imprisoned for 12 months and 15 months respectively, a court official said. He said both would be given 15 days to appeal their sentences.

Mr. Chinh, a former head of the Institute of Marxist-Leninist Philosophy, was first arrested in June.

His family said that he had been accused of having circulated a petition call-ing for the rehabilitation of more than 30

enior officials purged during the 1960s. Mr. Hieu, a former soldier and war veterans' activist, was arrested at the same time, reportedly for distributing anti-communist propaganda.

A Paris-based group, Alliance Viet-nam Liberté, quoted Mr. Chinh's family and a doctor as saying there were serious Namara is to meet with his former enemy, concerns about his health and that he might oot survive his prison term.

### **UN Hears of Iraq Radiation Bomb**

### Probe Finds Baghdad Looked Into Rare Weapon

By Robin Wright
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON -- In a new revelation about Iraq's weapons programs, the chief UN weapons inspector. Rolf Ekeus, has told the Security Council that Baghdad experimented with a radiological weapon, a rare tool of warfare because of its unstable oature.

The weapoo would take material heavily radiated in a reactor and disperse it in the air or over the ground to sicken or kill

opposition forces.

The damage from the explosion in 1986 of the Chernobyl ouclear reactor in Ukraine was due to the dispersal of highly radioactive particles — the same

Mr. Ekeus's briefing Tuesday. The United Nadons is still in the first stages of uncovering details of the program and does show it was part of Iraq's crash weapons program.

A UN official said Tuesday:

'All we know at this stage is that the Iraqis were interested in irradiating material and theo dispersing it with traditional means of explosives — bombs or artillery shells."

Few countries have tried to develop radiological weapons. In the early 1980s, the United States and the Soviet Union

principle as the proposed Iraqi jointly proposed a treaty at dismass destruction, defined as nu-weapon. UN officials said after armament talks in Geneva to clear, chemical and biological prohibit their use. But the proposal never got anywhere.

During the Korean War, the United States reportedly toyed oot yet know the extent of with the idea of developing a Baghdad's experiments. But teceotly uncovered documents ed it would be too unstable and tion 707, which deals with nucomplicated, arms experts said. Radiological weapons are among the most dangerous to

pretty dumb weapon," said Charles Duelfer, deputy chief arms inspector at the United Na-

Radiological weapons are not covered under UN Resolution 687, which in 1991 called for the facture, use and destruction of destruction of Iraq's weapons of major weapons systems.

weapons and ballistic missiles.

Although the weapons do not cause nuclear explosions, Mr. Ekeus told the Security Council that they might be covered by a broad interpretation of Resolu-

clear programs. In an interview, Mr. Ekeus said Iraq had not yet provided any of the necessary documents 'Most people considered it a to support its claims that it has destroyed hiological weapons.

'We haven't seen the documentation, so that gives us cause for concern," he said. The Iraqis generally kept detailed records on the origin, manu-

#### **UN Retains** Trade Ban **Against Iraq**

UNITED NATIONS, New York—The Security Council on Wednesday left the five-yearold trade embargo against fraq unchanged at its regular six-

week review, diplomats said. With United Nations inspectors still reviewing data oo Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, there was little chance that any council member would ask for an easing of

any of the embargoes, particularly the ban on oil exports. Iraq has been under sanctions since it invaded Kuwait in August 1990. Among the Security Council's demands is the scrapping of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, which is linked to

the oil embargo.

Britain's chief delegate, Sir

John Weston, said, "It is the
will of the council to continoe the existing sanctions."

He said that Iraq had oot complied with arms demands, renimed stolen property taken during its occupation of Kuwait or stopped its terrorist activi-

U.S. Justices, in Shift, Bolster Seizures of Criminal's Assets prosecutors to take cars, houses what Mr. Libretti would have

By Joan Biskupic

WASHINGTON - The Supreme Court has strengthened the hand of prosecutors to seize a drug trafficker's property and possessions. The court ruled, 8 to 1, that after a criminal accepts a plea bargain, a judge oeed oot determine whether all the assets seized by the government were tied to the

The justices also ruled that the defendant need not be told that be is waiving a right to a Joseph Libretti, was charged io jury trial on the government's seizure of his property and bank crimes arising from his alleged accounts. The majority said forfeiture is an element of seotencing and, as such, is oot covered by the constitutional right

defendant's crimes.

to a jury trial. The roling, arising from a Wyoming drug case, is a departure from the court's recent trend of placing limits on the government's ability to demand asset forfeitures as an el-

ement of criminal sentencing. Defendants' rights advocates said the ruling may encourage prison, at least 10 years less than

connected to the wrongdoing. Some of the proceeds from the sale of seized property often go to the prosecutors and police gencies involved in the case.

Justice John Paul Stevens, who dissented, cautioned that the decision could allow "a wealthy defendant [to] bargain for a light sentence by volun-tarily "forfeiting" property to which the government had no statutory entitlement."

The defendant in this case, 1992 with several federal operation of a cocaine and marinoitezinegro ooitudirteib sneuj in Wyoming and Colorado. Four days into a trial, Mr. Libretti signed a plea agreement under which he agreed to plead guilty to engaging in a con-tinuing criminal enterprise and

counts and other assets. The government, in return, sought a sentence of 20 years in

give up several pieces of prop-

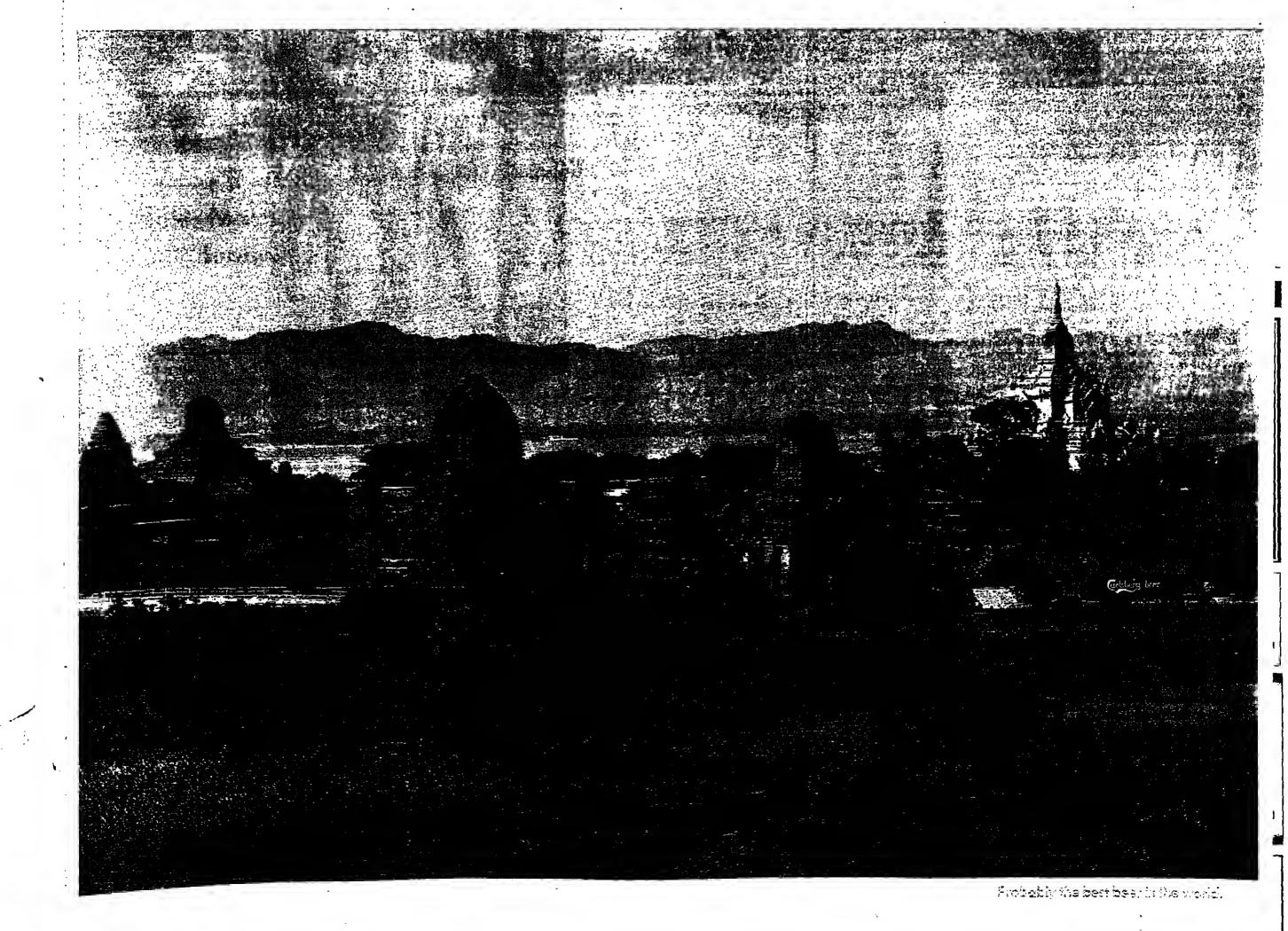
erty, various firearms, bank ac-

and other property that is not gotten if he had been convicted on all the other charges. The plea deal also said Mr. Libretti waived his right to a jury trial. but the judge did not fully ex-plain that he was also waiving a

trial right on criminal forfeiture. Among the property seized was land in Wyoming, two condominiums, two automobiles, a mobile home, computers, a diamond ring, cash and bank ac-counts. Mr. Librarti argued that the judge should have made facmal findings on which items were actually tied to his crime.

In its ruling Tuesday, the Supreme Court said the federal statute on which Mr. Libretti relied for judicial fact-finding relates to a defendant's admission of guilt in a plea agreement.

A forfeiture provision embodied in a plea agreement is of an entirely different nature," Justice Sandra Day O'Connor said for the majority. "Forfeiture is an element of the sentence imposed following conviction or, as here, a plea of guilty, and thus falls outside the scope" of the fact-finding rule at issue.



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TSUM, the big state-owned

maining mosque, whose

mournful calls to prayer float

across the busy square outside. Behind it is a bathhouse

- though closed now and in

sad disrepair, its magnificent facade studded with deep-

hued glazed tiles still make it

Boulevard Vitosha, at the

western terminus of the yel-

low road, is one of the city's

most fashionable shopping

streets and a main north-

south artery. It feetures the Naoonal Museum of Histo-

ry, at Vitosha and Alahio

Street, housing a huge collection of antiquioes and ex-

The golden dome of the

Alexander Nevsky cathedral.

the city's largest Orthodox

church, gilds the Sofia sky-

line to the east. Behind the

church, octogeoarian dowagers sell elegant handmade

lacework, and flea market

vendors hawk relics from

Bulgaria's communist past.

and many banks cluster

around the yellow brick

square domioated by the

stark white Georgi Dimitrov mausoleum, where the for-

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abled party officials to travel

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Most government offices

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## Balkan Luxury

SOFIA HAS BEEN A BALKAN crossroads for more than 5.000 years, inhabited by Romans, Greeks, Turks and Slavic tribes from the north. The city as it is today dates back to about 1878, when the

Third Bulgariao kiogdom was established after 500 years of Turkish dominance. In 1989, Sofia emerged from nearly 50 years of communist rule a pleasant, bustling city, still bearing the varied influences of its past.

Though Socialist architecture has left its ugly mark on the city center, a unique blend of architectural styles can still be found between the concrete monoliths. Because the city center developed on top of the others that went before it, it is not uousual to fiod archaeological excavations in the most un-

Sofia, despite high post-communist inflation, is one of the least expensive European capitals. Largely undis-covered by travelers, Sofia has taken to capitalism with a vengeance, as the quantity of new shops, cafes, kiosks and street vendors makes clear. You can buy a Turkish coffee, a newspaper (if you can read Cyrillic) and a cheese-filled banit a pastry for under a dollar, without leaving the sidewalk.

Having spent years in relaove isolation, Bulgarians are hospitable and curious about foreigners. Given an opportunity, most will ask a wayward traveler as many questions as possible - within the limits of language and etiquette constraints - about his or her home, country and

But be prepared. Sofian-ites are extremely well-educated, and they pepper their conversation with cultural, literary and geopolitical references that will keep even the well-informed on their

#### Getting Around

Sofia is a city of 1 millioo built to accommodate only quently, traveling on foot is hoth a necessity and a challenge, requiring pedestrians to blaze a trail around cars parked on the sidewalk, open manholes, road construction. the occasional stray dog and a plethora of vendors.

Public transportation costs only a few cents, but trams and huses are dirty and crowded by Western standards. Tickets are available from kiosks, which are usually located near major stops. Schedules are not precise just wait a moment, and your transport will be around in awhile.

Taxis, usually rickety Ladas or Moskviches, are well-marked, inexpensive and plentiful, but expect a thrilling ride, since drivers must negotiate the same obstacles as pedestrians do. Tipping is not expected, but is appreciated.

#### At a Glance

Orienteering in Sofia is an adventure, where winding narrow streets often lead to unexpected destinations. An up-to-date map is a must: Nearly 500 streets renamed during communism have now been re-renamed.

Luckily, many offices and tourist sites are located in the center of town, which is dominated by "the vellow brick road:" the Tsar Osvoboditel, whose gold-glazed bricks begin on the northern side of the Sheraton.

### Wining & Dining

Cafés and restaurants spring up and wither in Sofia at a pace that guarantees that any list will soon be out of date. "Kafe." or café, usually means "no food," The Cyrillic word "Pectopalit" means

restaurant. Dining out is inexpensive and fun, since every restaurateur has his or her own idea of what an eatery should be. 05. Bulgarian wines are

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The road is flenked by among the best in Europe, and the best value as well. A department store. Next to local saying goes: "Only drink the white wine wheo TSUM is the towering minaret of the city's only rethe red runs out."

The country's warm, dry climate is also ideal for growing vegetables, so vegetarian dishes and salads are usually fresh. No one leaves Sofia without having at least ooe "Shopska Salad" - e combination of tomatoes, cucumbers and peppers, topped with shredded sheep's cheese and served with vine-

gar and oil. Reservations are usually oot required, but it doeso't hurt to call. Restaurant checks sometimes ioclude service charges, but if not, add 10 percent.

The following restaurants have been around long enough to attract a following and offer a sampling of traditional cuisioe and international food, newly available in Sofia.

Deva Spartak, Arseoalski Blvd. 4. Tel.: 68-60-98. Adjacent to the Nevsky Cathedral. Elegant and expensive, serving a well-rounded selection of tradioonal Bulgarian food. Diners eat to the din of cellular phones carried by Sofia's new class of busi-

nesspeople Eddie's Tex Mex Dioer, Vitosha Blvd. 4. Tel.: 876-783. Serves Tex Mex-type coococtions favored by homesick Americans for luoch and dioner. Late et night, local haods sing American country-western music with e variety of ac-

Feya Indonesia, Tsarigrad-sko Schosse 61. Tel.: 468-127. This old state restaurant gooe Iodooesian recently hosted a dinner for Bulgarian Presideot Zhelyu Zhelev. Delicious, fresh food, authentically prepared. Off the beateo track, with warm atmosphere.

Garden Club, Knyaz Boris St. 99. Tel.: 553-084. A newly recovated restaurant near the old communist headquarters, now the home of the ruling Socialist party, and a good place to see politicians Traditional Bulgarian food, fresh salads

Krim, Slavyanska St. 17. Tel.: 87-27-50. Housed in unseen, magically appearing the gracious home of a former Russian diplomat. Serves a local favorite, trout baked oo a ceramic tile. Good selection of Bulgarian and Russian dishes, and an excellent variety of Bulgari-

an wines. Mootmartre, Hristo Smirnenski Blvd. 36. Tel.: 665-521. Located on the edge of Lozeoets, one of Sofia's prettiest residential oeighborhoods. All dishes are innovaove and tasty.

Venezia, Benkovski St. 12. Tel.: 876-364. One of Sofia's first pizzerias, with a wood-hurning oveo. long henches and a great ice cream selection for dessert. Be prepared to share your table with a few artistic types from the nearby theater.

#### Calling Around

Country Code: 359, City code: 2. Telephone connections are anoquated and notorious for breaking down. First aid/amhulance: 150, 832-222, 515-3310. Police: 166.

Fire: 160. Flight information: 793-221-04. Taxis: 650-450, 1288.

Tourist office (Balkantourist): 43-331. \* U.S. Embassy: 884-801 to

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monuments, including Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, and shopping areas. The Sofia Intemational Airport is just 11 kilometers away.

Life within the hotel is just as interesting as that outside its walls. Its 187 rooms, including 15 suites, are equipped with all the extras international travelers expect, and at meal time. quests can choose among the hotel's three in-house restau-

The Preslav Restaurant is well-known for its gourmet international cuisine, the Melnik Grill features the entertaining spectacle of chefs praparing grilled meat dishes in front of the diners, and the Balkan

restaurant specializes in Bulgarian cuisine. At the Wiener Café, guests can indulge in freshly made pastries with their coffee or tea.

The hotel offers an equally wide choice of ectivities for nightlife and relaxation. Exercise equipment, sauna, solarium, whirloool baths and massages get guests in shape for an evening of live entertainment in the lounge; dancing at the Fantasy Nightclub, with its exciting stage shows; or trying their luck et the casino. The Lobby bar's open-air terrace, with its view of the city, is a pleasant and relaxing spot for

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**Dares Foes** 

MADRID - Prime Minister

Felipe González, undaunted by

the creation of a Senate com-

mittee to probe Spain's "dirty war" against ETA in the 1980s.

dared his divided opponents Wednesday to call a vote of no-

"You want to change the government? Submit a vote of

censure," the embattled Social-

ist prime minister told Parlia-

Earlier Wednesday, the Senate formally set up an inves-

tigating committee that could

be even more politically dam-

aging for Mr. González than

Basque separatists from 1983 to The prime minister, who denies any knowledge of this

was tantamount to a vote of no-

confidence, as Economy Min-

ister Pedro Solbes has admit-

Increasingly cornered by the dirty war scandal, Mr. Gonzá-

lez has already promised to hold an election in March, a

He refuses to bring it forward

any further, knowing that,

while the opposition managed

to throw out his budget, it

would oot be able to agree on an

alternative leader as required

before a vote of no-confidence

The Spanish Constitution says a government cannot be

voted out in Parliament before a

"constructive" alternative is ready, with a new prime min-

ister and an agreed program of government. That is something

the broad spectrum of parties now arrayed against Mr. Gon-

The investigating committee

will begin formal proceedings

next Thursday. A series of court

cases has already opened, and

the Supreme Court is now try-

ing to assess whether there is

enough evidence to prosecute

Mr. González for the dirty war.

It has asked Parliament to lift

the immunity of former Interior

Minister José Barrionuevo so

that he can be questioned as a

suspect in a particular kidnapping.
The cases focus in part on

secret papers, already disclosed and published in the local press,

which the opposition says

prove the government engi-occred the illegal campaign.

The papers are part of a stash of more than 1,000 secret mil-

itary files stolen four years ago.

Mr. González toid Parliament oo Wednesday that the files still

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zalez could not muster.

year ahead of schedule.

no," he replied.

can be held.

"Under the constitution,

confidence.

### **Boost for War Crimes Panel**

### U.S. Gives In on Intelligence Data

for security reasons.

Mr. Burns said that in pro-

United States will supply the White House press secretary, gence information relevant to government cannot share with its inquiries, the State Depart-ment said Wednesday.

to the question of war crimes, we will find a way to get that to" Judge Richard Goldstone, viding information of the question of war crimes, at The Hague.

Mr. Burns see that the Hague of the question of war crimes, at The Hague.

Hungarian Leader Praises U.S. Role

the notion of partition and even of ethnic cleansing?

homeland, but the opportunity must be offered to them,

able to return to their homeland. In order to achieve that, in-

ternational guarantees have to be created. It is very important that

those who return to their homeland should be able to live unarmed.

Next there is the need to restore normal economic conditions.

This is a key issue of the whole settlement.

odds with the administration's have an obligation to do this WASHINGTON — The animale on Tuesday, when the and we will do it," he added. He said U.S. officials would international tribunal investi- Michael McCurry, said there pledge their readioess to progating war crimes in the former were 'certain types of intel-vide all relevant information to Yugoslavia with any intelli-ligence information that our Judge Goldstone when he visits Washington next week. the international community"

Meanwhile, as the Bosnian ace talks continued in Ohio, The department's spokesman, Nicholas Burns, said: "If ing on reports that Judge Golding on reports that Judge Goldpeared to be divided over comwe have any information, stone had complained to the ments made last week by Sec-whether it's open-source infor- United States that he was dis-retary of State Warren M. mation, unclassified information or intelligence information, that we believe is pertinent in was providing to the tribunal to be removed from power.

He said that Radovan Karadzic and General Ratko viding information to the tri- Mladic, both of whom have bunal, Washington would seek been charged with war crimes to protect the sources. "But we by the Gotdstone tribunal, would have to go before NATO could send a peace force to the former Yugoslavia. Mr. Burns said Tuesday that

the statement represented official U.S. policy.
But other officials said Tues-

International Herald Tribune

Gyulo Horn is the prime minister of Hungary. He heads a Socialist-Liberal coalition that holds 72 percent of the seats in the Hungarian Parliament, Mr. Horn, who once olso served as his country's foreign minister, spoke with Erik Ipsen of the International Herald Tribune in London.

But other officials said Tuesday that be misspoke, and that such a position limited the flexibility of U.S. negotiators and put political constraints on a NATO military operadon. "The charitable thing to say is that the secretary dido't quite get it right," a senior official said "Committed the flexibility of U.S. negotiators and put political constraints on a NATO military operadon. "The charitable thing to say is that the secretary dido't quite get it right," a senior official said "Committed the flexibility of U.S. negotiators and put political constraints on a NATO military operadon. "The charitable thing to say is that the secretary dido't quite get it right," a senior official said "Committed the flexibility of U.S. negotiators and put political constraints on a NATO military operadon. "The charitable thing to say is that the secretary dido't quite get it right," a senior official said Tuesday that be misspoke, and that such a position that the such a position t

Q. Are you encouraged by the opening of the Bosnian peace morally. But it is not the U.S. government's posicion."
The lack of a unified position

A. I find it positive that American foreign policy has played on deploying the NATO force

— which would include up to such an outstanding and active role in this process.

Q. Are you disappointed that today you could not instead be praising the successful European efforts to end this conflict? raising the successful European efforts to end this conflict?

25,000 U.S. troops — reflects

A. The European Union committed a lot of mistakes earlier, at the tension between the urge to the beginning of the 1990s. Earlier, the Americans committed make peace at a time when the three Balkan presidents seem to Q. Some observers have criticized the peace talks as bowing to want to do so and the desire to see that those responsible for A. The ethnic composition in many areas has changed. Indeed atrocities are brought to jusis not certain that everyone will be able to go back to their tice. (Reuters, NYT) it is not certain that everyone will be able to go back to their tice.

# Q. How hopeful are you that the talks will succeed? A. Late last month, I went to Belgrade. What I coted there was that the decisive majority, oot counting the extremists, are interested in ending the war and in restoring peace. The economic sanctions have had a very severe impact on the Yugoslav economy, especially on the economy of Serbia, practically paralyzing it. Q. What do you see as the key issues to be resolved in the BELGRADE — David the property of the property

BELGRADE - David Rohde, an American journalist, A. In the course of discussions I have had both in Belgrade and has been freed from a Bosnian in Zagreb a few basic issues have emerged. There is a need for a Serbian prison after being "pardoned" by the Serbian leader, Radovan Karadzic, the comprehensive settlement. That means that peacemaking in Bosnia-Herzegovina must include the reintegration of eastern Bosnian Serbian press bureau A second element is the question of the refugees. The possibility has got to be created that the 1.5 million refugees should be

said Wednesday.

Mr. Rohde, who works for the Christian Science Monitor. was sentenced to 15 days imprisonment after being accused of entering Bosnian Serbian ter-The third question is the recognition of the borders. Without ritory with false papers on Oct.

recognizing the borders of Croatia there will be no lasting peace. The U.S. government, which demanded the reporter's re-lease, accused the Bosnian This prospect may stimulate all the participating parties in the And last, but not least, it is also an important element of the Serbs of putting him in front of settlement to start negotiations on ways to cootrol existing a kangaroo court. The detention became an issue at the peace Q. Looking now to your east, are you troubled by the situation talks in Dayton, Ohio. ia where once again the country is in the hands of an ailing

don after an appeal from Mr. Rohde's family for his release from prison in the oorthern Bosnian town of Bijeljina.



BRIEFLY EUROP.

DARN TOOTIN' -- Mayor Bram Peper of Rotterdam blowing a whistle Wednesday during a police protest over pay.

#### **Pro-Reform Parties** Advance in Georgia

TBILISI. Georgia - Only three of Georgia's 54 parties and blocs, all centerright and sympathetic to reform, cleared the 5 percent barrier needed to win par-

liamentary seats by proportional representation in last Sunday's vote, election officials said Wednesday.

The three parties are Eduard A. Shevardnadze's Georgian Citizen's Union, the National Democratic Party led by Irina Sarishvili and the All-Georgian Union of Behirth led Union of Rebirth led by Aslan

The Communists won 4.6 percent of the vote, according to preliminary results from all of Georgia's 75 voting districts. The final tally is to be announced Friday, but significant changes are not expected. In that event, Mr. Shevardnadze's Georgian Citizen's Union will hold the largest number of seats in the Parliament, controlling about 23 percent of the vote. In a separate election Sunday Mr. Shevardnadze won the presidency with 75

The National Democratic Party and the All-Georgian Union of Rebirth each received from 7 percent to 8 percent of the vote. Both are center-right groups very likely to play the part of a loyal opposition, generally favorable to reform.

Of the 235 seats in the Parliament, 150 are to be decided according to proposition. are to be decided according to proportional voting from party lists and 75 from and South Ossetia, which boycotted the tionship with my son."

Of 75 district-wide contests, only 33 Gibraltar Gets Help resulted in a final decision. The remaining seats must be decided in runoff elections on Nov. 19.

#### U.K. Pressed on Ulster

BELFAST — Britain was under mounting Irish pressure oo Wednesday to find a way out of a year-old impasse blocking Northern Ireland's path to per-

manent peace.
Prime Minister John Bruton of Ireland is calling for a British-Irish summit meeting to try to end the deadlock before a visit by President Bill Clinton later this month, news reports from Dublin said. Irish goverrument officials refused to comment on

In Belfast, key nationalist leaders, with support from Sinn Fein, the IRA's po-

#### Eurocorps Gears Up STRASBOURG - The Eurocorps,

described by its supporters as the nucleus of a future European army, will become operational next month, its German commander, Helmut Willmann, said Wednes-

He said that he would formally declare the corps operational on Nov. 30, at the end of an exercise by some units of the 50,000-member force, which includes soldiers from France, Germany, Spain,

Belgium and Luxembourg.

About 10,000 soldiers from the five countries will take part in the military exercise that is to start on Nov. 18 in the Ardennes region of Belgium and (Reuters)

#### A Swede Begs Off

STOCKHOLM — The Swedish co-ordination minister, Jan Nygren said Wednesday that he would not seek to become the leader of the governing Social Democrats, and thereby prime minister, because of an agreement with his son.

Mr. Nygren. 45, said in an interview with the newspaper Blekinge Laens that he had promised his 14-year-old son that be would not be a candidate for the post when the party leader and prime minister, Ingvar Carlsson, steps down at a party congress in March. "My marriage broke up because of my work," Mr. Nygren regional first-past-the-vote polling. Ten up because of my work," Mr. Nygren more have been set aside for Abkhazia said. "I don't intend to risk my relationship with my son." (AFP)

announced plans Wednesday to strengthen the economy of Gibraltar.

The Foreign Office minister, David Davis, speaking in Gibraltar, said that Britain would assist in the enforcement of financial-service rules and provide advice on developing tourism and other industries.

Londoo also is ready to pay the healthcare costs of pensioners who retire to Gibraltar from Britain, he said. (Reuters)

#### Translation Aid Set

BRUSSELS — The European Union approved plans Wednesday to help overcome language barriers that hinder business in the 15-member bloc.

The European Commission earmarked

don to move to all-party peace talks and drop its insistence that IRA guerrillas development of a range of high-technology translation services. Projects include electronic dictionaries, computerized grammar- and style-checkers and networks that will enable business people networks that was countered to consult translators during meetings.

(AP)

BRUSSELS - The European Com-

The Commission said it would adopt or renew spending programs only after evalthem. It also pledged to increase the frequency of internal audits and ensure that new spending programs are as 'fraud-



isters meets on consumer problems.

BRUSSELS: Karel.van-Miert. commissioner for competitioo policy, meets with the German economics minister, Günter Rexrodt.

ERFURT, Germany: The commissioo president, Jacques Santer, visits former East German regions and attends meetings of regional leaders before the Europa Forum in Berlin oo Friday.

ATHENS: Neil Kinnock, commis-LONDON - The British government sioner for transportation, begins an official two-day visit, including meetings with the Greek merchant marine minister,

> commissioner for agriculture, meets with the Danish agriculture minister, Henrik Dam Christensen.

> BRUSSELS: Sir Leon Brittan, commissioner for external trade, addresses the International Federation of Phono-

> BRUSSELS: Edith Cresson, commissioner for research, addresses a conference on the Socrates project.

#### EU Tackles Fraud

mission promised new steps Wednesday to toughen scrutiny of spending and com-

European Union events set for Thursday:

BRUSSELS: The EU council of min-

Georgios Katsifara, and the transporta-tion minister, Evangelos Venizelos COPENHAGEN: Franz Fischler,

graphic Industries

Sources: Agence Europe, AFP.

The Parliament on Wednesday approved the first overhaul of Spain's criminal law in more than a century as it voted in a new penal code that cracks down on corruption and introduces laws prohibiting racism and sexual harassment. The Associated Press reported.

had not been recovered.

### U.K. Holds New Suspect Germany In French Bombings

A. For a period of time we are dealing with a rather uncertain

Russia. What we in the east-central European region are interested

in is that the situation in Russia should be stabilized.

LONDON — British police rorist bombings on its soil but said Wednesday that a man that the danger was not over. identified as Rachid Ramda would appear in a London court have struck a substantial blow ing to cause an explosion in responsible for the series of at-

Slavonia into Croatia.

Mr. Ramda, 26, was charged with "unlawfully and mali- Louis Debré told Parliament. ciously conspiring with others to cause an explosion of a nanure likely to endanger life or "The government continues — cause serious injury to propand will continue — to fight erty" in France, a police terrorism with all its strength, spokeswoman said.

She did not give Mr. Ramda's nationality.

An extradition warrant has been issued for the suspect. dition request can be made. Three other people arrested in connection with a series of bombings in France remain in custody, the spokeswoman

One of the suspects being held is Abou Fares, who French police believe masterminded the bomb attacks. A French daily said officials

in Algiers knew Mr. Fares as Rachid R, aged 26. Paris blames militant Algerian Muslims for the bombings

in France that have killed seven people and wounded t70 since July. France said Wednesday it

had seriously damaged the abil-ty of suspected Algerian Mus-

#### CORRECTION

Due to a typing error in the Nov. 7 sponsored section on Lebanon, an incorrect figure was given concerning the number of passengers carried by Middle East Airlines last year. The correct figure is 780,000.

# lim extremists to conduct ter- Neo-Nazis

"It is clear today that we Thursday charged with conspir- at the structure of the network Schönborn, was sentenced to 27 tacks that we have experienced," Interior Minister Jeanit was banned in 1992.

'But vigilance remains more necessary than ever," he said. and with the help and support of

European police forces."

Paris has asked Britain to detain Mr. Fares until an extra-France believes that be is tied

to Algeria's Armed Islamic Group, which has claimed responsibility for the bombings. The group accuses France of siding with Algeria's military govemment in the civil war with Muslim fundamentalists. A warrant for Mr. Fares links

him to a bomb blast outside a Paris underground railroad station on Oct. 6 in which 13 people were wounded. Investigators also pressed

in France, rounding up several individuals for questioning in raids near Lyon. The target of the latest raids was a suspected Islamic network that the police said was oper-

ating in the town of Chasse-sur-

Rhone, outside Lyon. France last week arrested a key suspect, Boualem Bensaid, 27, in Paris along with five al-

leged accomplices. He has been placed under investigation for attempted mur- Socialists. It also said it had der, destruction of property with created a "nationalist action explosives, illegal use of explo- commando" to fight foreignsives and criminal terrorist con- ers, political opponents and the spiracy after officials said they overheard him on a wiretapped phone ordering the car-bombing of a marketplace in the northern French city of Lille.

# Sentences

A leading neo-Nazi, Meinolf months in prison on Wednesday for continuing to lead the National Front party even after

ban on the party."

The judge also expressed amazement that the police had ignored Mr. Schönborn's flourlishing house.

tougher sentence than the two years prosecutors had requested. It also sentenced two former National Front board members

their search for other suspects plan to build up the party organization again.

ban an "unmistakable warning signal" to the extreme right.

In its raids, the police unearthed weapons, ammunition and materials to make bombs.

# litical wing, intensified demands for Lon-

DORTMUND, Germany -

The presiding judge of the Dortmund court, Manfred Reichel, said: "Deep inside, Schönborn never accepted the

ishing trade from his home in bumper stickers, button badges, T-shirts and books, which were manufactured by his own pub-The court handed down a

to 10 months in prison. Mr. Schönborn's lawyers portrayed him as a law-abiding businessman and produced witnesses confirming the defen-dant's assertions that he did not

The government banned the party and the police raided its offices in 40 cities three years ago in the first decisive step against mounting racist violence that followed unification in 1990. At the time, Interior Minister Rudolf Seiters called the

The party adopted policies enunciated by Hitler's National state, and organized military exercises for its members.

## Communists Recapture Russian Limelight

By Michael Specter MOSCOW - As a man trained in philosophy, Gennadi A. Zyuganov loves to toss around the big words of the

20th century. He is forever talking about the Social Democrats of Britain and the egalitarianism of Sweden. And about how liberalism changes when it travels from Germany to Italy to Spain. But there is one word you almost

never hear him say: communism. For some people, particularly in Russia these days, that would be understandable. For the active, voluble and extremely popular chairman of what is still called the Communist Party, it seems a little bit strange. But it is hard to argue with success,

and in five years Mr. Zyuganov, 51, has succeeded in taking a moribund political movement and turning it into the most popular party in Russia.
As the Dec. 17 parliameotary elec-

tions draw near, there on longer seems any doubt that Communists will have a dominant role in a heavity divided legislature. The question is whether they will have the power to slow the policies of President Boris N. Yeltsin.

"You know that they cannot rule in the traditional sense." said Masha Volkenshtein, a sociologist and poll-"The president rules Russia, But the Communists are the party that appeals to

people who don't like the way things have turned out. And that's a lot of people. As Mr. Zyuganov himself has said, sometimes the best thing one can say

about the Communist Party is that it has for their support. We didn't spend a makes the Parliament he may control terrific name recognision.

Kopeck." Mr. Zyuganov says he bevirually toothless, should be honored.

Although Nov. 7 is still celebrated throughout the country as Revolution propert Day, the anniversary of the Bolshevik choice. Revolution of 1917, most Russians, "Lab even Communists, now regard the old Soviet system as a disaster. But many are appalled at the psychological and social turmoil caused by the free mar-

Like many people elsewhere in the former Soviet empire, particularly in

Tor better or worse, these people are new kinds of Communists, and they have a lot of support.

East European countries, where voters have reacted to the pain of economic change by returning Communists to power, Russians are trying to find a different path.

And the Communists are trying to make that path their own. Mr. Yeltsin has already been pushed away from liberal policies by nationalists and Communists in the last three years. A Communist victory next month would only increase the pressure to turn back the

'We gathered two million signatures io 10 days," Mr. Zyuganov said, required of each party that seeks to run. of their civil liberties.
"No party got half as many. Others paid He says the Cor

lieves in a multiparty system, private property, freedom of religion and lots of

he said in an interview. "Two basic ideas compete in the vorld today," he said. "Light and dark.

Look at all the world's religions. The much he would do to welcome foreign message is love your neighbor. We have the same goals. Communists never invented anything. Nobody said they did. They simply try to implement a vision of

"Labels cause too many problems,"

truth and justice that you can find in any fairy tale.' Fairy tales have their problems, though. As Russia completes its two-day holiday honoring the Bolshevik Revolution, with Mr. Zyuganov laying the obligatory wreath on Lenin's Tomb. people are beginning to wonder whether, after five years of faltering reforms, communism could really return to the land it nearly destroyed? And

what would happen if it did? Mr. Zyuganov tries to portray a future Communist Russia that caters to the needs of the many without offending the dreams of the few.

He knows that the old party line is no longer acceptable. So he has moved to the center, calling for orderly, restrained renationalization of some, not all, industries. He says the land ought to belong to the people.

worries almost everyone, he has promised law and order, and points out that his people are not the same ones ferring to the petitions from voters re- who for seven decades deprived people

He says the Constitution, which

But he also says it is time for a new type of reform, by which be means that it is time to end the ability of a few well-placed people to loot the considerable resources of one of the world's largest

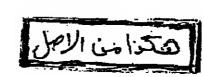
The pitch, larded with the call for a strong Russia, certainly seems to have hit a spot with the voters. In almost every poll taken in the last three months, Communists receive more support, spread evenly across the country, than any oth-

er group.

Much of that support comes from pensioners frustrated that the old world of cheap sausage and guaranteed employment is gone. Some of it comes from people angry at the grabby. lawless state that the brazenly capitalist Russia has become. And the rest seems to come from people who just do not know what

"For better or worse, these people are new kinds of Communists, and they have a lot of support," said Igor Klyamkin, one of Russia's leading pollsters and the head of the Foundation for Public Opinion. "Zyuganov is flexible. modern and pragmatic. He understands his electorate and he understands Russia. He is a realist, and realistic Com-Knowing that the crime epidemic munists are new to this country. What he would be like as a leader, however, nobody can say."

Mr. Zyuganov is in fact so pragmatic that his success says as much about the failure of communism as anything can in



### **Indelible War Crimes**

Of the prospective provisions of a doubt complicates some of the diplo-ace accord, none is more urgent than a macy. Serbia's president, who is reppeace accord, none is more urgent than a constitutional mandate for the prosecution of war crimes. On all sides of the nearly four-year conflict, the rules of war, designed to ensure a minimal decency, have been crassly broken. A war crimes tribunal set up by the United Nations in The Hague has now indicted 40 Bosnian Serbs and one Bosnian Croat. For maximum effect, however, the call for justice needs to be embedded in the structure of a Bosnian state. It needs to be treated not simply as a foreign imposition but as an obligation that the reluctant partners in a

new Bosnia have taken upon themselves. Such a provision can have scant appeal for the Bosnian Serbs. Their top leaders. including Radovan Karadzic and General Ratko Mladic, could not make it to the Dayton peace talks for fear of heing arrested on the war crimes charges that have been brought against them at the international tribunal. The draft Bosnian constitution written up by American of-ficials would compel "all competent authoritles" in any part of the country to work with the tribunal and with international human rights groups as well. This is a harsh demand, and one that no

resenting the Bosnian Serbs at Dayton, would prefer to have a little leeway to allow him to remove the two top Bosnian Serbs in his own political fashion. But why would Serbia, itself a country eager to escape international economic sanctions and to find a quick path back to Western favor, want to delay the departure of the Karadzic-Mladic pair? Why would other Bosnian Serbs want to keep this totally discredited duo as their leaders one day longer than they had to?

The United States has been a strong force in creating the war crimes tribunal. So it is perplexing to read that the chief prosecutor has complained of American delays in banding over intelligence that might be used against criminal suspects. The intelligence agencies are always careful to protect their prerogatives, but there can be no denying the overwhelming force of the demand for the prompt and full furnishing of all relevant information on war crimes. It is the key to enlisting the serious cooperation of others in the prosecution. It is a poliocal necessity and a moral necessity, too. -THE WASHINGTON POST.

#### **Helms Goes Too Far**

Because of the obstinacy of Senator Jesse Helms of North Carolina, the Ututed States does not bave an ambassador in Beijing at a time when relations with China have reached their most delicate and dangerous point in more than 20 years. President Bill Clinton's choice for this crucial post is former Senator Jim Sasser of Tennessee, a moderate Democrat who could normally count on easy confirmation from his former colleagues. Mr. Sasser could be using his considerable political skills and closeness to Mr. Clinton to improve communications hetween the two capitals and provide the kind of consistent attendon that the president himself or the secretary of state is unable to give. He ought to be confirmed without further delay.

Mr. Sasser's nomination has been held up first by Chinese diplomatic games-manship and then by that of Mr. Helms. While the United States tries to restrain Chinese bellicosity over Taiwan and the South China Sea, constrain its missile sales to Pakistan, enforce trade agreements and ease Beijing's repression of human rights. Mr. Sasser is left cooling his heels in Washington.

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Americans are also being deprived of the services of ambassadors in South Africa, Pakistan, Lebanon, Indonesia and 12 other countries. Further, Mr. Helms is delaying ratification of a treaty that would reduce the number of Russian nuclear warheads by two-thirds and a conventioo banning chemical weapons. Mr. Helms, a Republican who heads the Foreign Relations Committee, has shortsightedly given his drive to destroy three precedence over these urgent issues. He wrong about the agencies, too.

Earlier this year he proposed legislation that would put the functions of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, the Agency for International Development

and the U.S. Information Agency under direct State Department control, breaking up their expert staffs and eliminating most of the money they need to do their jobs.

Keeping the information agency independent insulates its work, including the Voice of America, from diplomatic pressures. Keeping the arms control agency independent means that there is someone to speak up against proliferation in North Korea, weapons sales by China and French nuclear testing when silence might seem diplomatically convenient. Keeping the foreign aid agency independent assures that bumanitarian assistance and support for democratic institutions will not lose out to porkbarrel gifts for friendly governments that

may also be corrupt or dictatorial. Nevertheless, Mr. Helms gathered enough votes for his assault on these agencies to assure Senate passage. But in August, Senate Democrats blocked the bill with a threatened filibuster. After they turned back two cloture votes, the hill was withdrawn from floor consideration.

Mr. Helms retaliated with breathtaking disproportion, shutting down the entire work of the Foreign Relations Committee until his bill comes to a vote. Senator John Kerry has proposed compromises oo the administration's behalf, but oegotiations have got oowbere. Mr. Helms continues to insist on cutting operating funds so savagely that nothing

meaningful would be left. It would be nice if the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee put the national interest ahead of bureaucratic vendettas. Apparently he will not. Pernans the Democrats should let reorganization measure come to the floor. If it passes, the president could veto it. The ambassadors and the treaties Mr. Helms holds hostage should not have to wait any longer for their release. -THE NEW YORK TIMES.

### **Stingy and Devious**

Two arguments are getting badly mangled in the American welfare debate. In justifying their drastic cuts, many Republicans in Congress argue that there is something wrong in the country having to do with the failure of personal generosity and private giving to the poor. That is one thing. But they then take a huge leap and say that if government gets out of the way by cutting back on assistance to the poor, there will be an outpouring of private help and voluntarism.

There is a strong case to be made that there has been a drop in giving and volunteering, and that is true even though Americans have built an enviable network of voluntary charitable agencies. A 1994 survey by Independent Sector, a Washington organization that studies nonprofit charities, found "a downward trend" in both giving and volunteering. There is no denying the need to re-establish a stronger public ethic of generosity, especially among the better off. Endless examples of rightly embarrassed prominent people whose pitifully small contributions have. one way and another, come to public

anention illustrate the point. If the Republicans were simply insisting that government programs are insufficient to the job and no substitute for private giving, they would he right. But they have gone on to contend that if government got out of the way, private efforts to help the poor would proliferate. giving. That spirit needs to change. There is no evidence for this.

As Dana Milbank reported recently in The Wall Street Journal, the private and church-based organizations doing the most to help the poor are alarmed by the cutbacks in aid to the poor heing contemplated in Congress. Far from strengthening private efforts, a group of 44 religious groups wrote to the Senate leadership this summer, the curbacks could "completely overwhelm our resources for serving the needy." Many of these groups receive some financing from government, and an Independent Sector study found that just to keep up current efforts the private organizations would need to see contributions increase by 124 percent hetween now and 2002. Does anyone believe Americans are all on the verge of becoming that generous? And no private or church-based agency is in a position to make up for cuts in basic forms of help for the poor in medical care, food stamps and welfare.

The country does need to re-examine the whole structure of private and governmental charity. There is a need to strengthen the less bureaucratic approaches that volunteers can bring to the effort to help the poor. Bin dismantling the government's systems of support is the wrong place to start. We suspect that the spirit behind the cutbacks in govemment help is, unfortunately, the same stingy spirit that is driving down private

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## Time for Israelis and Friends to Choose Their Camp

WASHINGTON — After the murder of Yitzhak Rabin there is an understandable desire to dismiss his assassin as a lone gunman from outside the pale of Israeli political life and call for a period of national unity. Those impulses are wrong, all wrong, and the man who could have told you that best was Yitzhak Rabin.

This is not a time for unity. This is a time for taking sides. That is what Yitzhak Rabin was doing when he was shot. He was not muffling his voice or blur-

ring his aims. He was taking a principled stand in favor of a historic compromise with the Palestinians — to share the land of Israel-Palestine between the two peoples who called it home.

We do not bonor Mr. Rabin by avoiding that choice. We honor him by making that choice. We honor him by helping in every democratic way possible to enlarge the Israeli majority in favor of peace with the Arabs, because, as Mr. Rabin knew, that is the only bope for preserving a secure, democratic Jewish state.

The Likud party leader, Benjamin Netanyahu, has been doing his best to paint Yigal Amir, Mr. Rabm's assassin, as a lone By Thomas L. Friedman

gunman - the Lee Harvey Oswald of Israel. No, no, no. Yigal Amir was no Lee Harvey Oswald. Lee Harvey Oswald was a lone gunman whose politics had nothing to do with the Democratic or Republican parties. Yigal Amir was a lone gunman whose politics are virtually identical with those of Mr. Netanyahu's Likud party and its allies in the Orthodox Jewish right. Likud never would have accepted Mr. Amir's means, but it cannot deny that it shares his ends bringing the Israeli-Palestinian peace process to a halt so that Israel will never have

to leave the West Bank. Mr. Netanyahu wants us to believe that Mr. Amir is deranged. Sorry, Mr. Amir is not deranged. He is just your average religious right-wing hard-liner, who listened to Likud's verbal attacks on Mr. Rabin, who saw the posters depicting Mr. Rabin as a Nazi SS officer, and just tonk it all to its logical extreme.

Naturally, Mr. Netanyahu wants to disguise his connection to Mr. Amir. Oh, he says, with mock sincerity, Likud will sup-

should only be changed "by ballots, not bullets" - and to do otherwise would be to give in to the will of this crazy assassin.

Mr. Netanyahu wants us to believe that what the assassin represented was the idea of undemocratic change. Nonsense. Yigal Amir represented the idea of stopping the peace process with the Palestinians - an idea that he and Mr. Netanyahu share. That is what Mr. Netanyahu wants to hide, but Mr. Amir sticks to him like Velcro.

The reason why Mr. Rabin had nothing but contempt for most members of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, why he lam-basted them on his last visit here, was that he was in a war for peace, and these socalled American Jewish leaders had left him alone on the battlefield because they did not have the courage to take a stand.

Israelis and American Jews are divided on the question of peace, but not 50-50. If Israel were truly that divided, the peace process that Mr. Rabin emharked upon two years ago would never have gone this far. The silent majorities in both com-

port the Labor government in its vote of confidence because Israeli governments they have been too passive, ton willing to let Mr. Rabin carry the burden alone. Let's not have any illusions. There is

only one way to honor Yitzhak Rabin, and that is to fulfill his vision. To do that now requires others to stand up for that vision with the same courage with which he stood up for it, and to fight for it with the same vigor with which he fought for it.

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That was the meaning of King Hussein's remarkable eulogy, in which he said that when he died he hoped it would be the same way his grandfather and Mr. Rabin died, taking a bullet on the battlefield of peace, because that is the only death worthy of such a life.

And so the king implored the moumers: "Let us not keep silent. Let our voices rise high to speak of our commitment to peace for all omes to come. And let us tell those who live in darkness, who are the enemies of life and true faith, this is where we stand. This is our camp.

He is so right. For everything there is a season, and this is the season of choices. Yitzhak Rabin made his. How about you? The New York Times.

### Toward More Efficient State Capitalism, if Beijing Has Its Way

**B**EUING — A new era is creeping in. China's decision to reduce tax breaks for foreigninvested enterprises and special economic zones is more than just

a technical adjustment. Together with the revival of the State Planning Commission and administrative attempts to control credit, prices and labor movement, it signifies new directions for China's economy as it moves into a post-Deng phase. It also carries a poliocal message.

Depending on one's viewpoint, the tax move can be seen as reflecting the success of the Deng reforms or as signaling problems ahead. It can be simultaneously interpreted as the logical next step in China's development, or as backtracking from progress toward a market economy in which

the state plays a diminishing role. There is no doubt that tax-free capital goods imports, and low to negligible profits taxes in the special economic zones, have been almost as important as low wages in attracting foreign investment By Philip Bowring

into labor-intensive export industries. These produce most of China's \$150 billion in exports, and have given it a large trade surplus for four out of the past five years.

But the tax breaks are a serious distortion. They became one of many impediments to joining the World Trade Organization, they increased income disparity between coastal and inland provinces, and they deprived the central government of revenue.

Given China's trade surplus and strong capital inflow, the full impact of changes will emerge only gradually. However, at the end of the day they signal less emphasis on foreign trade and light industry.

Whether this does much for the inland areas remains to he seen, but it will definitely he to the relative advantage of the central and northern coastal provinces, compared with the pacemaker of the past decade, Guangdong (and hence Hong Kong).

The emphasis now is on luring foreign investment into heavier industries, with more emphasis on transfer of technology than on exports. The bait: greater access

to the domestic market. This goal fits with a shift back toward emphasis on state enterprises and medium and heavy industries. Closure of loss-makers has been abandoned in favor of trying to make them more competiove, particularly through ventures with foreign investors. It is a recognition of political and eco-

nomic realides. State enterprises remain at the core of the party/state power structure, which will be more important than ever in an era without a commanding figure. There are also limits to economic growth for small-scale and light industry without improvement in the basic industries and infrastructure.

Light industries and services will continue to absorb millions ment out of very low-productivity agriculture should ensure continuing GDP growth of 7 to 8 percent a year. (This is less than the current official double digit growth but about the level now if, as foreign economists suggest, official data are discounted by 2 percentage points.)

However, without more efficient use of capital by heavier sectors, even a 7 percent goal may be difficult to attain. If household savings are used to bail out the inefficient, transport and power development will lag, and the trade balance will deteriorate.

Momentum for growth will remain decentralized, but the center's need for revenue and influence has been behind the various tax reforms of the past 18 months. Provincial power is still strong but is being gradually eroded by taxation and by increased use of the State Planning Commission to influence the pace and direction of capital investment - particularly away from buildings into infras-

service activities in Hong Kong?

let up. To attract investment from

East Asia and elsewhere, local

authorities in Britain and state

governments in the United States

offer to cut taxes, provide cheap

land and slash bureaucracy. Tech-

ductions in telecommunications

and transport mean that locatioo

(take note, Hong Kong) is no

competition with India and Thai-

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plant, but with Texas and Spain as

these days, and the currency re-

quired is a competitive and open

In East Asia, only Singapore

seems to understand that keeping

up is not good enough; heing

compenove means being ahead.

It is now vying with Hong Kong in financial services. Singapore's government recognizes that the

natural economic advantages of

the island state can he fully ex-

ploited only if the market is

deregulated and the cost of hu-

In most parts of Asia that mes-

sage has not fully registered. Tar-iffs on agricultural imports crip-

ple South Korean and Japanese

food processing industries. Re-strictive trucking practices in Tai-

wan and Indonesia keep exporters' transport costs high.

don't seem to understand that as

costs rise, competitiveness falls

The writer, a monager for un international shipping firm based

in Hong Kong, contributed this comment to the International

and investors shy away.

Herald Tribune.

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The competition is not going to

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Government revenues are needed to redistribute income. spur agriculture and, eventually, provide welfare safety nets without which reform of state enterprises will be politically unacceptable.

Total farm production is expanding but that of grain is almost stade — a major worry for a country in which grain self-sufficiency remains an article of faith. But here the price decontrol that might shift terms of trade in favor of grain produccion runs up against the poliocal imperative of maintaining the pro-urban price bias.

To the demands of the longpampered state enterprise workers are now heing added the basic needs of the floaring population (estimated at 80 million or more) who have left the land.

Central revenues are needed to find ways other than diktat of encouraging grain production while holding down prices. Whether it also means the end of price reform remains to be seen. Current controls and subsidies to limit price rises are a short-term expedient. Whether they become semi-permanent will partly depend on the success of credit control.

The authorities are following the excellent blueprint for financial sector reform laid down by the Third Plenum two years ago and should thus eventually get a normal banking system and a central bank able to use price mechanisms to control monetary growth. But it is a slow process and runs counter to provincial as well as entrenched

Meanwhile, the political imperative is to bring down inflation by whatever means. Although inflation has fallen, to keep it from bouncing back while state enterprises need big casb infusions will need constant effort.

At the technical management well. Good jobs come with a price level, China continues to make rapid progress as a result of eagerness to learn from abroad. Proiect implementation capability is far ahead of most developing countries. Willingness to experiment with sophisticated instruments (perhaps too sophisticated) like bond and commdodity futures has not been entirely killed

off by some chaotic results. But a more dirigiste outlook now prevails at the top, as the government struggles to balance crowth - its base of legitimacy with stability and the reasseroon of central authority. It may even reduce corruption.

In other words, the goals are more efficient state capitalism, a sound financial system, and a tax system capable of delivering enough national revenue to dea with national issues.

This is all dull stuff compared with Deng Xiaoping's battle cry 'To get rich is glorious.' It also suggests even less tolerance of dissent. But from the point of view of a quasi collective leadership of competent but uninspiring engineers, managers and opportunists, it makes sense.

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#### IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

#### 1895: Horses Abused

and every year American and Englisb visitors to Paris view with horror the conditions of horses in Paris. The bad condition of the cab-horses and the cruelty of the majority of the cochers never fail to excite compassion and indignation on the part of those who have occasioo to use them. "Anglo-Saxons are always interested in the subject of cruelty to animals, and especially horses. Undoubtedly in Paris there is much to he desired in regard to ameliorating their condition," said the president of the Société Protectrice des Animaux, M. Uhrich.

against an alliance between the

United States and Europe, "Amer-PARIS — Cruelty to animals is repugnant to any civilized person, obligations," the new President ica does not need any meeting of said. "We want to meet them, to take counsel with them, to know their thoughts and to give them ours, but we also want, at the same time, to enjoy the proverbial freedom of America."

#### 1945: Paraguay Revolts BUENOS AIRES — The post-war

movement to overthrow dictatorships in Latin America has spread to Paraguay. The regime of General Higinio Morinigo has adopted new measures of repression as a precaution against military and civilian groups, which are attempting to repeat in Paraguay the successful revolutions which overthrew dictatorships in Venezuela and Brazil. The Morinigo dictatorship arrested a group of young Army officers, politicians and student leaders last week and sent them to concentration camps.

## East Asia Is Beginning to Cost Investors Too Much

HONG KONG — The International Monetary Fund reset to continue its ecocomic boom for the next few years. Yet Sony

Recuively. Listen to Sony, Eveo in a growing market sucb as Asia, costs count, And for many businesses, Asia is beginning to cost too much.

East Asia's economic miracle is best summed up as the biggest price undercut in history. The region grew because it was the cheapest source for the low-technology consumer goods that the West craved. Hong Kong and South Korea did not invent new or more efficient manufacturing techniques; they simply bought market share with low wages.

But the same market force that led buyers from America and Europe to Taiwan and Japan 30 By Mark Simon

cently forecast that East Asia is Asian nations as they try to upgrade their industries. Multinational companies like Sony, announced that it will no longer Hewlett-Packard and Ford need a export televisioo sets from Japan competitive business environbecause it cannot price them com- meot that is based on more than pairs of hands

In much of East Asia, inadequate roads, seaports and airports, telecommunications and other infrastructure, high rents. sbortage of managers and skilled technicians, corruption and, above all, government interference are now the deciding factors wheo multinational corporations choose to keep production in North America or Europe.

In shipping, terminal expenses in Japan and Hong Kong are two or three times those in the busiest ports on the U.S. West Coast. To truck a container 160 kilometers from southern China to Hong Kong costs more than to ship the

States or Europe to Hong Kong. Compare office rents in Shanghai or Jakarta with Chicago and Paris; and residential rents in Singapore with those in and around Washington. Or try to hold a qualmed manager in almost weekly job offers he gets due to the shortage of Chinese

professionals. Companies are voting with their feet in response to high costs. Matsushita and Honda continue to move production out of Japan. Taiwan's Nan Ya Plastic is establishing factories in North Carolina and Texas to export back to Asia. Footwear and textiles have largely been driven from South Korea to China and Indonesia as Korean wages outpace productivity.

Losing footwear may be nothing to cry over if that industry can he replaced, but what will substitute for low-tech electronics in South Korea and airline customer

years ago is now working against same container from the United

### United Germany Missed a Chance

By Margarita Mathiopoulos

HANNOVER, Germany — The European revolution that saw the collapse of the Communist regimes and German unification was a triumph for freedom, democracy and free market economics. But six vears later it is not clear that Germany has captured the gold-en moment that history offered.

The Bonn republic ended on Oct. 3, 1990. The day of unity and the Bundestag's decision to move the capital from Bonn to Berlin will go down in history as events that affected oot just domestic politics but the ability of the German economy to compete worldwide and Germany's foreign policy orientation.

The outside world observes that Germany remains loyal to its American and European partners, that it tries to take more international responsibility and that the economy overall is not too bad, with growth rates around 11 percent in the former East Germany. But will this attitude endure in the Berlin republic?

The political values of the old Bonn republic — democratic tolerance. European orientation, Western thinking — could vanish when Germans realize their power and claim their position as Europe's 'central power.'

The last five years have seen the rise of racist and radical rightwing terror, the beginning of doubts about Western orienta- and culture that were lamented in tion, new nationalistic thinking, a the old Länder were imposed on search for the "normality of a the East. Germany could have healthy patriotism" and an in-tested new, flexible economic creased desire to close the book models in the new Länder, which Herald Tribune.

on the past. Germany has begun to reassert itself in foreign affairs, pressing, for example, for recognióon of Croatia and Slovenia.

Was the Bonn republic only a fair-weather democracy? Will Germany remain a committed member of the Western community of values, or did that orientation apply only to the postwar period of particon?

The Federal Republic's democratic and constitutional state has provided hope that Germany has enough democrats to effectively oppose dangerous temptations in domestic and foreign policy. The real danger today, however, is economic especially because of Germans' need for "fair weather" in order to enjoy democracy.

The enormous and tedious process of internal unification was a useful excuse in postponing necessary economic reform. The unification boom was perceived as a great economic success and prevented deeper structural reforms.

The truth is that Germany has lost ground in the last six years. It has missed the opportunity to use unification to shape up and modernize the economy.

Blanket adoption of West German regulatory systems was among the fundamental mistakes. Ponderous systems of economy, bureaucracy, science national relotions of the Uni-

would have enriched the entire

Federal Republic.
Eastern Germany could have become a laboratory for a brand of 'capitalism with a human face" that could have tested comprehensive privatization in the utilities, telecommunications, road construction, railroad and university sectors.

German unification could have been a major opportunity for the renewal and modernization of the entire German society. Having missed it, Germany now must focus on correcting errors, on fostering modernization and on damage control.

The need for action is particularly acute in the wage-cost sector, which makes Germany one of the most expensive production sites. If Germany is to remain a

business site, companies must be freed from the formal requirement of fixed wages and allowed to set more flexible work hours. This could put 2 million to 4 million people to work — better than keeping them in expensive, counterproductive unemployment. Germany has the power to

experience a second economic miracle. The question is whether it has the political will. The writer is senior bank ex-

ecutive in Hannover, o lecturer

in American politics and inter-

versity of Braunschweig ond ou-

thor of "The End of the Bonn

Republic." She contributed this

comment to the International

1920: Harding's Policy

WASHINGTON - Presidentelect Harding, in addressing an assembly of two thousand people in Marshall, Tex., reiterated his stand

As the and Transfer Bat their in the Pre-index.

Maria Harris

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thought worth thinking:

"It is hard to think of many ideas fading memory and outright lies prettying themselves up for the stranger than the notion that the that cloud men's minds about United States has gone downhill since the 1960s."

That line was written by Gregg own youth. Easterbrook, an author and contributing editor of The Atlantic.

#### MEANWHILE

Crime and the breakup of the family are obvious negatives, but, he continued: "By most measures, the United States of 1995 is a dramatically better place to live than the United States of 1959."

days seems to me an important antidote to the nostalgia, nonsense, By Richard Reeves

the past, which for many of them just happens to coincide with their

"Men" is a good place to begin talking about life in the land of the free and the home of the brave before a little liberalism and a lot of innovation recognized "women" as persons apart from a thing called

togetherness."
"Togetherness," if you are too young to remember, was a magazine promotion, for McCall's. The "togetherness" concept escaped Cocking a cold eye at the good old from its box and became a cheerful rationale for keeping women in

moment when they could be together with the male provider of bread and wisdom.

Using some of Mr. Easterbrook's ideas, published last week in the Los Angeles Times, and some of my own, here is a Top 10 list of why we Americans are lucky to be around these days:

1. People are living longer and healthier lives than anyone could have imagined back in the 1950s, a tribute to four astounding decades of medical and pharmaceutical advances and labor-saving devices.

Diseases like polio have been eliminated for all practical purposes, and their place - which was at home, pain, continuous pain, has become

the exception rather than the rule in new interstate highways have decades, a tribute to our politicians, most forms of illness. And no longer brought amazingly cheap fruit and our scientists and our soldiers. do millions of old people have to face

3. For the first time, large oumbers of middle-class and even poor children can go on to college making us a great deal better ed-ucated than we ever were before.

whole new areas to habitation and work in the United States and

er climes where most of us live.

with the eod of soft-coal heating and new sewage-treatment systems.

9. We have more personal freedom than our ancestors could even have dreamed of.

10. The world has been democratized by jet passenger planes, opening up wonders once reserved for the rich — from the French Riviera to the Taj Mahal to the Pyramids along the Nile — to a new breed of

middle-class travelers. Us! Is there a flip and darker side to some of this "progress"? Of course there is.

But, writes Mr. Easterbrook: "These steady improvements in most aspects of American life happened during the years when government regulations increased and government programs grew.

many such programs were enacted would mean a huge step backward

in health, safety and prosperity." He might have added, too, that the current and always fashionable chant that government is the Amer-

ican problem is the music of dopes Universal Press Syndicate.

cannot be responsible for the return of unsolicited manuscripts.

## Cyber-Revolution: Politics as Usual

WASHINGTON — Washington waits breathlessly for Congress and the White House to complete the balanced budget. The electorate waits to see who will run for president, But the future of American polities is actually being decided somewhere else - in semiconductor plants in California, in the cluttered offices of all-night software designers and, of

course, all over the Internet. Technology has always shaped public policy, but in the past it has mainly been an instrument of greater government cootrol. Thanks to computers, for instance, the Internal Revenue Service can peer into your private life and make sure you reported that capital gain on your General Motors stock. But in the future, technology will almost certainly have the op-posite effect. For better or

Right now, for example, companies based in Antigua and other Caribbean islands are setting up cyber-casinos. You can open an account with an offshore bank, sit at home in Ohio and gamble away thousands of dollars (lose your house even!) playing hlackjack or roulette or betting oo sports events - on your computer screen via the

What can the U.S. government do about it? Not much, even though Net betting, which could become a \$50 hillion business, is technically illegal. "Emerging technologies will make gambling on the Internet all but undetectable by law enforcement," writes Evan Schwartz in a fascinating ar-Wired, the cutting-edge com-

ernments stop software piracy, copyright violations or libel.
Ultimately, financial trans-

By James K. Glassman House speaker, Newt Gingrich, in an August interview in Wired with the computer guru Esther Dyson, "somebody is

"Governments are not going

But is the ability to access child porn and \$200-a-hand blackjack at a click of the mouse really liberation? The hope is that, with the federal government less obtrusive, we'll be

For example, if Washington can't collect taxes efficiently, it will have to give up on forcedsavings plans such as Social Security, which begin with the assumption that people are too profligate to set aside something for their own retirements. Americans will have to adopt the admirable quality of thrift ou their

lieves, will replace the current top-down system with something more humane: "I really like the Tocquevillian model —

with a government that spends so much on welfare is that it obviates the need for acts of charity - and, more importantly, for social pressure on the rich to perform such acts (after all, the wealthy pay taxes; why feed the poor or donate libraries flict in American politics wasn't between liberalism and conservatism but between "dynamism" and "stasis." She's writing a book that expands on

The stasis types come in two varieties: reactionaries who want to reverse change, including left-wingers like the Unabomber and Ralph Nader, and right-wingers like Patrick Buchanan; and technocrats who want to manage change, includ-ing most of today's progressive politicians, from President Bill Clinton to Senator Bob Dole to

While Ms. Postrel puts Mr. Gingrich in the technocrat camp. he clearly has more affinity for dynamism than any other na-tional politician. But dynamists abound among Republican freshmen. Representative Dick Chrysler, Republican of Michi-gan, who has led the drive to abolish the Commerce Department -a hotbed of technocratic

Dynamism often looks conservative on the surface. I'd say that the last truly dynamist president was Calvin Coolidge who believed in a minimalist government, which, through clear and strict laws, provided a framework within which individuals and businesses could work their own wills. Mr. Gingrich calls this framework "a skeletal system of federal pow-

Dynamist leaders 'reject the brisk activism of 19-point reformist plans," says Ms. Postrel. They're willing to mus test is immigration. If you're for stasis, you want to

It's perfectly reasonable to fear what the future technology will bring. The philosopher Hannah Arendt once wrote, 'Has oot each of the advances of science, since the time of Copernicus, almost automatically resulted in a decrease in [man's] stature?"

going to have encryption you can't break."

to be able to stop it," he added.
This brave new world is closer than you think. It will drastically change the focus of politics because control will be extremely difficult, if not impossible. We're on the brink of a revolution that will make what the Republicans are doing this year look trivial beyond belief.

forced to act more responsibly.

own; they'll have no choice. Mr. Gingrich understands this coming change and wel-comes it. Technology, he be-

the sense that you have lean government and big culture." sponsibility, doing your duty, being an active local leader, be-ing engaged in acts of charity." Yes, charity. One problem

like Andrew Carnegie?).

Such a vision is frightening to most Americans, so it's hard-ly a surprise that politicians pander to their fears. A few years ago, Virginia Postrel, the editor of Reason, a Los Angeles-based libertarian magazine, wrote that the major conan end without medical care. 2. The minorities of America

have been legally brought into the mainstream of life; discrimination has become a crime rather than a habit. It is one of the great achievements of a oation that desperately wants to believe it is the last, best hope of mankind.

4. Air conditioning has opened

around the world. Refrigeration and

vegetables all year round to the cold-

5. The new highways and massproduced automobiles have made it possible for middle-class people to live in the country, or something like it, and still work in the city - with real income more than doubling over that time.

6. Television - a faithful and ready friend, teacher and baby sitter — has opened the world to our eyes and minds.

7. The air we breathe and the water we drink has improved greatly

8. The threat of nuclear war has declined significantly over these

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# Will Become a Thing of the Past

worse, liberatioo is at hand.

World Wide Web.

puter magazine.

Similarly, Senator James Exon, Democrat of Nebraska, wants to stop child pornography and other forms of smut on the Internet - but the truth is, he can't. Secrecy is too easy, and the United States can't prevent a pedophile from tapping into a Web site in Denmark or Thailand. Nor, it seems, can gov-

actions on the Net will be disguised from outsiders. How, then, will governments be able 10 collect taxes?

"At some point in the not very distant future," said the

this wonderful insight.

Ross Perot.

stasis — is a good example.

er" - mice term. (By culture, he means customs Postrel. They're willing to and morals, not Beethoven and stand back and let intelligence Matisse.) "The culture pounds and creativity flow, whatever close America's goldeo doors.

Well, yes: the atomic bomb, the all-seeing computer. But this time may be different. The Internet has the potential to set us free - to learn anything and do anything, whenever we want. No wonder politicians want to regulate it to death.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### 'Foe' Speaks

As the "nuclear foe" pictured in the International Herald Tribune (Oct. 30), I would like to reassure readers that I was not alone in protesting French nuclear testing and President Jacques Chirac's visit to Britain.

Such has been the public op-position that Mr. Chirac had to be brought into Chequers via a side entrance under cover of darkness. Similarly, after the Foreign Office press conference the next day, he had to be whisked out by another

side entrance. Visiting heads of state are usually paraded through the that he was the Canadian prime streets of London with some pomp and circumstance. Not so this time. Had Mr. Chirac been displayed in public, it would very quickly have become clear that John Major does not speak for Britain in the matter of nu-

for Britaing. clear testing. LIONEL TRIPPETT. London.

#### Quebec, No

What opportunities are lost hy Quebec's voting to remain within the Canadian federation! Little Henri cannot hope to grow up to be an admiral in the Quebec Navy. Visitors from neighboring Ontario won't lave to show their passports or go through customs. Aircraft golds won't have to learn pilots won't have to learn French — or joual, the Montreal equivalent, which even the French from France can't understand - in order to satisfy

air traffic controllers. The Mon- have to make a distinction betreal Canadiens won't have to change their name.

years' time, Quebec would have been a dictatorship. TONY STRACHAN.

#### Malaga, Spain.

Not Amused Regarding "In Telephone Fi-asco, a Canadian Joker Trumps

the Queen" (Oct. 30):
Montreal Radio chat show host Pierre Brassard may have amused many with his conversation with Queen Elizabeth while fooling her into thinking

However, to publicly ridicule the queen — the sovereign of a foreign country and still for-mally queen of Canada — in front of a million listeners is to go beyond innocuous comical deep respect for Her Majesty, I Fields," Oct. 27): can say many here share a deep sense of embarrassment for Mr.

Brassard's behavior. HILLEL NEUER. Montreal.

#### Arms Questions

Regarding "Next on the successfully done with Austria and Germany at the close of

clear Arms Legal?" (Opinion, Oct. 28): It is far from certain that the International Court of Justice will issue an unambiguous opinwill issue at a manufacture of nuclear rope a better chance.

FRANCIS EDMONDS. weapons is illegal. However, if it did, it would

tween first use and retaliatory use. Whereas the former can be considered prohibited by cus-Had the vote gone the other way, one thing is certain: In two
vears' time. Quebec would ter cannot because belligerent reprisals are legitimate. They

> the original illegal act, but they may be. Consequently, a victim of an aggression committed with a ouclear weapon would have the right to respond in kind. An absolute ban on the use of nuclear weapons, under any circumstance, is impossible with-

> out a ban on the very possession

need not be of the same kind as

of these weapons.

JOZEF GOLDBLAT. Geneva.

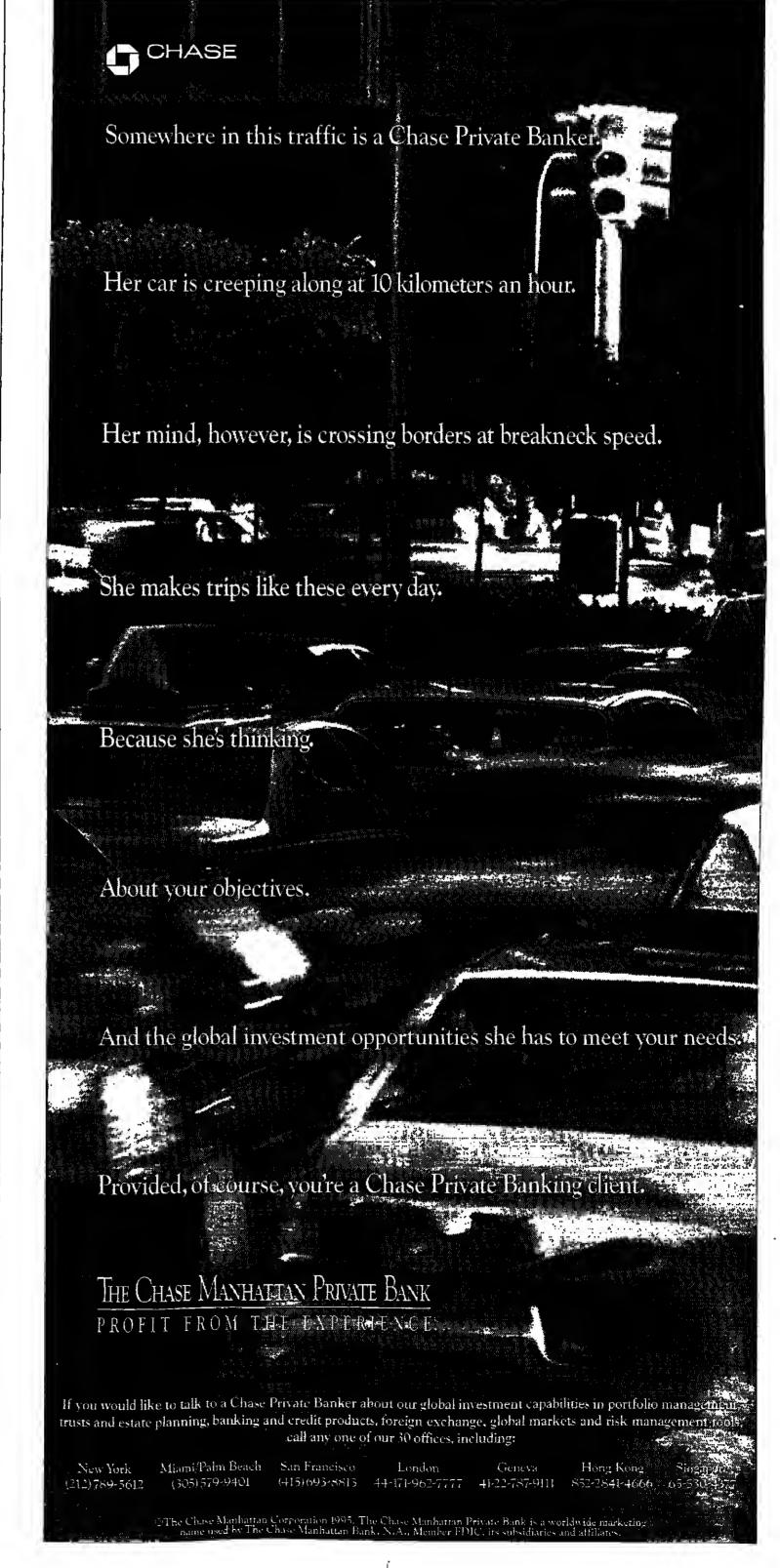
#### Take Over

Regarding the massacre of thousands of Muslim men trying to leave Serbian-held territory ("12,000 Muslims and a behavior. As a Montrealer with Trek Through Serb Killing

> I say that rather than let the fighting continue, in which case we would have to bear this drain on our energy and resources indefinitely, we Europeans should stop the belligerents and occupy their territory for a few decades, as was so

World War II. Taking over now would save many lives and give the next generation both in the former Yugoslavia and the rest of Eu-

Wiesbaden, Germany.



By William J. Broad New York Times Service

EW YORK - After 18 months of delays and acrimonious debate over whether it would deafen whales and other marine mammals, a \$35 millioo experiment using underwater sound to investigate the reality of global warming is scheduled to begin this week, though much modified because

The experiment, run by the Scripps Institution of Oceanography in La Jolla, California, and involving seven other nations, was originally intended to fire sounds from underwater speakers across the Pacific Ocean at least once a day for a year. Sound travels faster in warm water than cold. In theory, changes in the sound's speed as it crossed the Pacific could reveal temperature shifts as subtle as a few thousandths of a

Such work would try to verify whether If signs of serious harm emerge, the excomputerized global climate models used periment is to stop. to predict global warming are accurate or need to be improved.

Acoustic Thermometry of Ocean Climate, or ATOC (pronounced A-talk). From a depth of about 3,000 feet (about 900 meters), speakers off California and Hawaii are to rumble intermittently with low-frequency noises. Thousands of miles away, underwater microphones all over the Pacific are to pick up the faint signals.

But the plan drew protests from about a dozen groups trying to protect such endangered mammals as the humphack whale, which is sometimes found near the transmission sites. The protesters contend-

ed that the project threatened to deafen California broadcast site to move from the whales and other marine mammals, disturbing a world where careful listening was synonymous with survival — with finding food and avoiding becoming someone

"A deaf whale is a dead whale," said Dr. Linda S. Weilgart, a scientist who led the protests. "It's oot worth the risk."

The project scientists, led by Dr. Walter Munk, a leading Scripps oceanographer, vigorously denied that the experiment threatened to deafen or barm any animal. But faced with the prospect of defeat by the well-organized whale lobby, the scientists agreed to substantially redraw the plan.

The new blueprint calls for fewer intermittent broadcasts from the loudspeakers - about two days out of six, instead of daily. More fundamentally, it changes the sensitive test of global warming into an experiment that mainly measures the effects of loud noises on seagoing mammals.

periment is to stop.

From the start, the project has devoted a sizable amount to animal studies - \$2.9 The temperature experiment is known as million. But the revised plan, instead of combining temperature and whale tests, has the biologists taking exclusive control of the sound sources for the experiments, and allowing investigations of possible injuries to mammals.

The biologists want about four days between sound transmissions so areas around the loudspeakers can return to their normal acoustical and biological state, presumably allowing any animals that were scared away to return and allowing new animals to

As important, the new plan calls for the

sheltered waters of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary to Pioneer Seamount, a mass of old volcanic rock rising from the sea floor some 55 miles (90 kilometers) off San Francisco, where seas are rougher.

The distance and the possibility of high waves will prevent small boats from conducting animal studies. Instead, larger boats and planes or underwater microphones will scan the waters for signs of animal distress.

A biologist at the University of California at Santa Cruz, Dr. Daniel P. Costa, who directs the California marine mammal studies, said aerial surveys of the site bad been flown ooce a month since June to try to understand the normal volatility of animal behavior and demographics.

R. Costa's team has been able to tie radio transmitters onto 14 male and 7 female elephant seals so that satellites can easily track their movements and determine if the project's transmissions cause the animals any anxiety, perhaps as evidenced by their

A similar plan to put instruments oo blue whales fell through when too few of the animals could be found in the proper vicinity, even as great numbers of them were site, said Dr. Andrew Forbes, the project sighted much farther south oear the Channel Islands.

'People think of the ocean as static,' Costa said. 'It's just oot that way.' Moving the experiment out to sea added

Sciences: NOAA; Scripps institution of Oceanography

"For acoustic propagation, the Seamount is better" than the sanctuary

project scientists say the Pioneer site is fine

In the new plan, the gathering of any warming data will be secondary, but perbaps still significant. By definitioo, the best experiment for temperature studies is to its costs. Old power cables for the Cal- to take daily readings, thereby collecting ifornia loudspeaker had to be lifted from as much information as possible. Yet tak-method of detecting global warming. the seabed and new cables laid down. But ing readings every four days or so is still Buoys and instruments launched from

regular, though less productive.

Listening to the Ocean's Temperature and Wildlife

Sound moves faster in warmer water, se changes in its speed can be used as a thermometer. The sound source for such an experiment

has been moved outside of a marine presente and will

emphasize the sound's effects on animals.

If the tests show oo significant harm to the animals after about a year of transmissions, the scientists bope to operate the speakers according to their own schedule in an effort to study global warming. But they acknowledged that any further studies would require the approval of the whale

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Scientists are eager to press ahead because the project is so superior to any other

ships at great cost can generate a finite number of readings, perhaps 100 or at most 200 oo a good voyage.

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average temperature of a vast body of water, greatly increasing the reliability of the information while significantly cutting

During a decade, the signature of global warming is anticipated to be the infinitesimal speedup of sound waves so that their overall travel time across the Pacific is reduced by 1.5 seconds.

### Making Heart Surgery Less Intrusive, Quicker

By Lawrence K. Altman New York Times Service

vanur A. Subramanian ran a left fourth rib to make a threeinch (seven-centimeter) incision from near the nipple to the breast bone one day last month, the operating room at Lenox Hill Hospital in Manhattan was eerily silent.

The operation on Dowling, a 66-yearold piano tuner, involved a new procedure known as minimally invasive direct coronary bypass surgery. Instead of stopping the heart and having a heart-lung machine take over its duties, Dr. Subramanian's team performed a delicate operation on the organ as it continued to beat.

Cost-cutting, technical advances and competition are pushing heart surgeons into hazardous new territory — operating on a beating heart through small incisions in the chest wall.

sions are modeled after the video-assisted,

terial grafts onto beating hearts without operations have been performed in the said Dr. David Sabiston, the author of a using heart-lung machines.

The new operation, if it becomes acallow patients to make a quicker and less the new procedures. scalpel along Edward Dowling's painful recovery than with a standard bypass. It will also increase therapeutic options for those with angina, the chest pain resulting from blocked coronary arteries.

In a standard coronary bypass operation, surgeons make a foot-long incision in the chest, split the breast bone and stop the heart. As a heart-lung machine temporarily pumps oxygenated blood through the body, a surgeoo takes veins from a leg, an artery from the chest, arm or abdomen, and sews it to a coronary artery. The graft restores plasty, or will be combined with them. adequate blood flow by bypassing a blockage caused by a buildup of fatty deposits.

in the new versions of the operation, surgeons operate through an incision of three or fewer inches long. They cut the internal mammary (or thoracic) artery, which courses vertically behind the rib Dr. Subramanian's approach is one of cage, and attach it to the left anterior deseveral ways minimally invasive coronary scending coronary artery. The mammary fiber-optic techniques developed for gall- the region formerly served by the severed by such minimally invasive surgery.

the estimated 400,000 conventional coro-EW YORK - When Dr. Vala- cepted, promises to be cheaper. It will nary bypasses each year could be done with Sabiston said his colleagues at Duke Uni-

Initially, the new operation seemed suitable only for the 5 percent of patients needing repair of a single coronary artery. But some recent versions have been adapted to graft as many as three arteries in several patients. The operation has also been used on patients who need a second bypass.

And pioneers in the technique predict that the new procedures will offer an important incisions are made to insert a video camera, compromise between the standard bypass and nonsurgical techniques such as angio-

ONTROVERSY about the safety and effectiveness of the procedures recalls similar opposition about five years ago when experts were skeptical about the usefulness of the new laparoscopic gallbladder surgery.

But as patients demanded the less painful laparoscopic technique, surgeons quickly pypass surgery is being done. Some ver- artery's blood thus supplies the heart in learned how to do it. Now, the overwhelm- exploring ways to immobilize the region of place of its own blocked circulation, while ing majority of gallbladders are removed the beart where a new graft is to be sewn.

coronary bypass operation in 1962, Dr. versity have performed several minimally invasive bypass operations.

At the University of Pittsburgh, Dr. Bart-ley P. Griffith said that in doing minimally invasive bypass surgery, he uses a tho-racoscope, a fiber-optic device that has been used in chest surgery for several years.

A two-incb incision is made to the left of

the breast bone. Three additional one-inch knife, surgical stapler and other instruments. In the first stage of the operation, surgeons prepare the internal mammary artery while watching on a video monitor. They go back to the standard way of working with optical loupes to sew the arteries. A cardiac surgeon. Dr. Delos M. Cos-

tremendous boost for technology and impetus for us to rethink what we are doing." Dr. Subramanian said he and others were Among methods under investigation are

rove of the Cleveland Clinic, said, "The

best thing about all this is that it will give a



#### IN BRIEF

#### **European Collider Gears Up**

PARIS (IHT) - The large electronpositron collider at the European Particle Physics Laboratory has begun operating at a higher energy level at which scientists hope to find so-called super-symmetrical particles and a new understanding of matter.

Scientists believe that for every known particle there is a super-symmetrical particle. Finding such objects could shed light on the mysterious "dark matter" that makes up to 90 percent of the mass of the universe. It could also east questions on the standard model that attempts to explain the relationship between particles and forces.

The LEP accelerator, which is housed in a 27-kilometer (17-mile) numel straddling the French-Swiss border, has been used for the past six years to investigate the weak force that hinds atoms together and helps in understanding the nuclear force that fuels the sun. A key elementary particle known as Z was first sighted at the laboratory, known as CERN after its initials in French.

With the addition of 16 more superconducting magnetic cavities, bringing the particles at much higher energy levels. By studying the traces from such collisions, bladder and other surgeries. Others have modified decades-old methods to sew ar
Minimally invasive bypass surgery "is drugs, suction devices, other instruments, and electric shocks.

Minimally invasive bypass surgery "is cold temperatures and electric shocks.

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Dr. Valavanur A. Subramanian, left, scientists are able to confirm or disprove red bot stuff, everyone's asking about it," cold temperatures and electric shocks. using his less-invasive procedure. theories about the nature of matter.

### At Some Nursing Homes, Intimacy Is Becoming a Matter of Policy

By Matthew Purdy

EW YORK — They met last New Year's Eve. He was tall with an easy manner. She was petite with a girlish smile. He asked her to dance and held her close. "I The revolution is oot among the elderly, didn't push him away," she said. "I've been around awhile. I've pushed a lot of an enduring urge for intimacy, but in the

li was a modern romance, at once pure and complicated. First, there was his wife. He was still married, although separated. Then, there was his walker.

thopedic shoes, shuffling along with the help of a walker. He is 76, impaired hy

of his wife to want his name kept private. remains vital to the end of life." But Mrs. Heilbron is smitten. She's \$5 and has waited 45 years since her husband died to fall in love again.

This is a scene from a nursing bome. where those who care for the elderly and infirm report a kind of sexual revolution. an enduring urge for intimacy, but in the attitude of those who provide care. They are beginning to recognize that sexual activity is normal and beneficial for patients even for those with Alzheimer's disease. 'It's not just a matter of dirty old men

Fritzie Heilbron's prince came to her oot and disgusting old women, 'said Robert astride a white horse, but in black or- N. Butler, the director of the International Longevity Center at Mount Sinai Hospital. help of a walker. He is 76, impaired hy "The importance of tenderness, touching, Parkinson's disease, and with enough fear being together in bed is an expression that

At the Hebrew Home for the Aged, a 1,200-bed oursing home and Alzheimer's research center in the Riverdale section of the Bronx, where Mrs. Heilbron and ber companion found each other, a new policy gives patients the right to privacy so they can carry on intimate relationships. In confronting the issue directly, the Hebrew Home is in the vanguard of the shift away from seeing sex in oursing homes as a behavior problem.

The policy states that "residents have the right to seek out and engage in sexual expression" and the right to obtain "materials with sexually explicit content," including books, magazines and videos.

The home is training its staff to recognize and respect intimate relationships,

of a couple to a single room to provide privacy. (None have asked to live together.) In the case of Alzheimer's patients or other cognitively impaired residents, the oursing home officials consult with social workers, ourses and families to determine whether both residents are willing participants and decide whether the relations should continue.

Because most oursing bome residents share rooms, some homes around the United States have set aside rooms that couples can use for privacy, and others have formalized policies for addressing sexual activity, like the one at the Hebrew Home. But Meredith Wallace, a geriatric nurse at the Hospital of Saint Raphael in New Haven who has written about sexuality of and officials there say they will try to assist the aged, said many homes are moving

budding romances by moving one member slowly, if at all, to break down "the old

stereotypes." Antonette Zeiss, a clinical psychologist at the Veterans Administration Health Care System in Palo Alto, California, who has instructed nursing bome administrators in California on sexual relations among patients, said the subject is difficult to confront because "it's the conjunction of two

taboos about sex." "The first," she said, "is that sex is for the young. The second is that sex is for the

cognitively intact." She said that in her experience most people who run nursing homes agree that residents have a right to sexual expression, but because they feel uncomfortable with it."

it is difficult for staff members to support Others have raised more straightforward objections, from the danger of patients

physically burting themselves to the viplation of moral laws at homes that are run by religious organizations. Janet Lowe, a ourse's aide at the Hebrew

Home, said that the first time she realized two unwed residents were having a relationship, "I was shocked. You don't think of your grandparents having sex." Ms. Lowe said other members of the

staff had stronger objections. "Some people thought it should be stopped because they weren't married."

Jacoh Reingold, the vice chairman of the Hebrew Home, which is run according to Orthodox Jewish law, acknowledges that the home would face a quandary if two unwed patients wanted to live together. But Mr. Reingold said he was intent on fighting the tendency in the oursing home industry "to sweep this issue under the cover.'

#### BRIDGE

By Alan Truscot

DLAYING for the Harter Cup, the Greater New York Bridge Association's double the replay and the play began knockout team championship similarly. But at the fourth trick for non-life masters. Donald South led the spade queen in-Cline and Laura Schisgall, as stead of a trump and ran into & Co.

been successful, and a penalty the heart jack dooming South, double would have earned at who eventually failed by two least 500, but the partnershsip tricks. The eventual winners landed in a precarious four- gained 13 imps. heart contract after a take-out double and a cue-bid of four

The singleton club was led. and South won with dummy's ace to avert a ruff. She led a heart to the king and then a 4642 diamond to the king, West 7A532 holding up both her red aces. \$\frac{A}{5}\$ 1076 The next heart lead brought the jack, queen and ace, and West played a third trump to dum-

my s ten.

The spade queen was led, and covered by the king and ace. South cashed the heart while throwing a diamond from the dummy. She then entered dummy with a continuous Pass nine, removing the last trump tered dummy with a spade lead to the teo and played a club.

a club to the queen, after which a diamond lead established then queen as South's tenth trick.

The contract was the same in

opened three clubs in third po- amond was led West was able sition, in the diagramed deal. to take the ace and play a third Three no-trump would have diamond. East ruffed this with

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East took the king and returned THE ISLAND OF THE DAY BEFORE

Kurt Wolff Book/Harcourt Brace North-South, had a challenging trouble. East's king was won by Reviewed by Christopher bidding problem when East the ace, and when another di-Lehmann-Haupt THE year is 1643 at the open-

By Umberto Eco. Translated

515 pages. \$25. A Helen and

from Italian by William Weaver.

**BOOKS** 

I ing of Umberto Eco's intermittently amusing new novel, a philosophical puzzle called, puzzlingly enough, "The Island of the Day Before." Somewhere in the South Pacific, Roberto della Griva, "a sickly youth," finds himself "the only man in human memory to have been shipwrecked and cast up upon a deserted ship." Yes, you read that right, dear

reader, as the playfully intrusive narrator of Eco's story might have said if he were inclined to express himself in a contemporary idiom. After the ship which is anchored near what appears to Roberto to be an island. The solution to the world-pereaten by local natives.

Amaryllis to learn what may be mates' being massacred and the way of Eco's previous novels, "The Name of The Rose"

strength, Roberto finds it to be fully provisioned and apparently deserted, except that he begins to see signs of a mysterious Other This reminds Roberto that all

his life he has sensed the presence of a missing brother, who seems so real that Roberto has even named him: Ferrante, As he searches the ship for Ferrante, the narrative reports his life up to the point of his ship-wreck. This flasbback takes the form of a Bildungsroman about a young romantic who first pursues the ideal of chivalry during the Thirty Years' War and then practices to become a salon philosopher in Paris during the time of Cardinal Richelien.

scientific implications of

 Sergeant David Perkel, trombone player in the U.S. Air Force Band, is reading "The Interpretation of Dreams" by Sigmund Freud.
"I'm reading this because I

wanted to find out about Freud and what he has to say." (Ilise Gersten, IHT)



wrecked.

At one gathering, Roberto new ship has revealed oot his

Exploring the Daphne, after he plexing mystery of how to deNow Caspar enlists Roberto and "Foucault's Pendulum." across the line from the Daphne is on the staff of The New York
has begun to recover his termine longitude. Roberto in his project, and that's about "The Island of the Day Beis "of the day before."

Times.

chooses the Amaryllis, of as far as one can go in this plot course, and ends up being ship- summary without completely confusing the reader and giving Meanwhile, his search of the away certain surprises. One difficulty is that the narrator of delivers a long speech on the phantom brother, Ferrante, but Eco's story does oot speak a chored at the 180th meridian. compares the two of them to instead Father Caspar Wander- contemporary idiom. Endlessly the Germanic Father Caspar Donne's "stiff twin compasses. unguentum armarium. or drossel. "e Societate Iesu, olim digressive and long-winded, he tells Roberto: "To me matters each moving with the motion of weapon salve, a substance that in Herbipolitano Franconiae sounds instead like a Renais- that at this point of the earth its companion, one leaning heals wounds when applied oot Gymnasio, postea in Collegio sance philosopher divagating there is a line that on this side is the day after and on that side the follow or to return together to blood on the weapon that in- and, further, astronomer, and age. More precisely, be sounds day before. And not only at the center." But the conceit is a flicted the wound. Through a student of many other disci- like a modern semiotics pro- midnight but also at seven, at bit too metaphysical to make Amaryllis goes down in a storm, misunderstanding, this speech plines, at the General Curia of fessor (which, of course, is ten, every hour! God then took sense. As he drifts away, so

els, "The Name of The Rose" naturaliter." So the island

fore" is effective so long as its plor is grounded in some semblance of reality. For instance, out to be the novel's most one is happy to explore the plain why Roberto can never prefers to write to her instead,

about Ferrante.

the devout Father Caspar's Man, elaborate working out of where all the water for Noah's flood beloved is on a rock on the came from, if only because it island and decides to unite with begins to explain the title of her by drifting away along the Eco's novel. Having convinced meridian and thereby becoming himself that the Daphne is an- suspended in time. The narrator Roberto, a nonswimmer, survives by clinging to a plank and
eventually crawling exhausted
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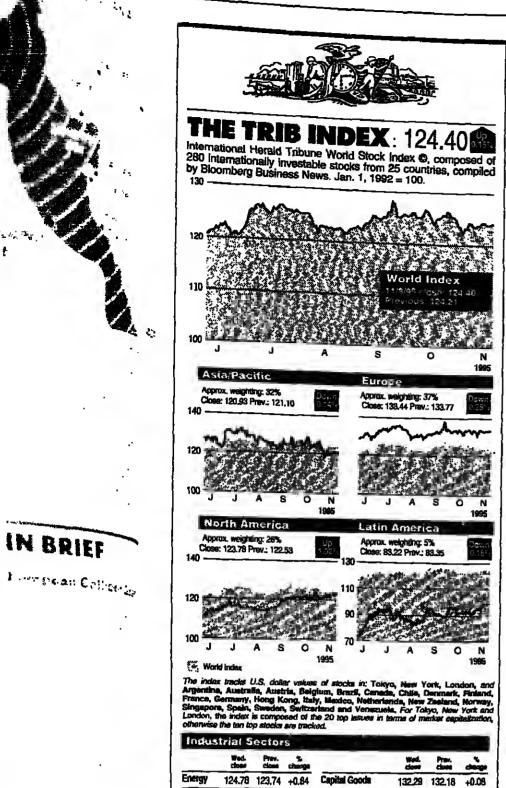
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ecuted or voyaging aboard the
work is what led to his shipThe results are diverting in same, and so on! Sine miraculo.

wrenching development, Eco's paradoxes of the romantic tem- story goes off its track and gets perament so long as they ex- stuck inside Roberto's head. While learning bow to swim, he approach a woman he loves but is poisoned by a stone fish and descends into a nightmare of We tolerate the narrator's hell. Here Eco suffers a debrain-twisting comparison of constructive anxiety of influjealousy to storytelling so long ence and produces a pale im-as it relates to how Roberto feels itation of the great sermon on hell in James Joyce's "Portrait And we are even amused by of the Artist as a Young Roberto also dreams that his

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appears as a result of what turns

Christopher Lehmann-Haupt



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By Barnaby J. Feder
New York Times Service

ST. PAUL, Minnesota - Not long

ago, botanists discovered that mush-

rooms scattered over a 30-acre (12-

hectare) area in Upper Michigan were

Now, something similar is happening

here at the headquarters campus of Min-

nesota Mining & Manufacturing Co.,

where new materials for products as di-

single manufacturing technology called

The technology allows 3M to cover the

and other moldable materials with mi-

croscopic ridges, pyramids or other raised

that improve the performance of a wide

range of everyday products, making high-

way signs reflect more light or adding

gives users improved control of their cur-

sors. Scores of other products are in the

products could be tied to this in 10

years, said Roger Appeldorn, the sci-cntist who has been 3M's most zealous

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verse as highway signs, laptop computer rent bot status, it provides a case study of

screens and diapers are growing from a the burdles facing innovation even in the single manufacturing technology called most receptive of environments.

surfaces of large sheets of plastic, rubber company's Post-It note pads, and it en-

Packed in at thousands to the square come competition from other technology

inch, the shapes are arrayed in patterns projects for resources. It also had to sur-

The latest application, just in time for cation first caught 3M's attention, no Christmas, is a computer mouse pad that more than 150 of 3M's 60,000 products

Even taking the more conservative another lesson about the limits of in-projection of 15 percent to 20 percent novadon. As 3M presses forward with

billion last year.

Thinking Small Has Big Future at 3M

"This is an example of American in-novation at its best," said Ronald Mitsch,

vice president in charge of 3M's indus-

That said, microreplication is no

3M's corporate culture lionizes the in-

ventors of creative products such as the

courages researchers to devote part of

Even so, microreplication had to over-

vive gaps in 3M's production and re-

More than 30 years after microrepli-

search skills and difficulties in sorting out

rely on the technology, probably accounting for less than \$500 million of the

company's revenue, which exceeded \$15

product applications accelerate rapidly, has microreplication reached the point

where it lonks like a home run, providing

Only now, as the pace and variety of its

which products would benefit most.

their time to blue-sky projects.

overnight success story. Despite its cur-

Mr. Appeldom's earliest supporters.

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### British Rail Privatization on Track Opponents Fail to Hold Up First Round of Sell-Offs

By Erik Ipsen

switch onto the fast track.

Winning bids for the first major pieces of the system to be sold off - three a race against the political clock. companies that among them will own all 11,000 of the system's locomotives and is eager to get as much of the system into contrast, preliminary steps toward the rail cars — are expected to be announced private hands as possible and as early as eventual sell-off of rail systems in Ger-Thursday morning.

With the opposition Labor Party insisting that rail privatization should not happen, and many financial analysts wondering if it can happen, the government now faces the greatest test to date of a process that was the very hallmark of Thatcherism and symbolizes 16 years of Conservative rule. Having inspired the world with the successful sell-offs of state assets ranging from its telephone monopoly to its airline, the government is making another stab at a precedent.

"Only a few systems have ever been privatized anywhere in the world," says Professor Chris Nash, a transportation specialist at the University of Leeds.

He listed railroads in Argentina and New Zealand as well as parts of the U.S. rail network.

Ignoring both opponents and skepocs, the government has pushed ahead with plans to announce the winning bidders for the first three passenger rail franchises by the end of the year and to have fully 51

LONDON - Years after the idea was company that will own all BR's switches, first floated, the bugely controversial pri-vatization of British Rail is about to properties as London's Victoria and ing's Cross stations.

Far behind in the polls, the government general election is held.

by insisting the system should remain in public hands and hinting at a possible renationalization under Labor.

That political uncertainty has been largely blamed for plummeting estimates of the market value of Rail Track, the what concerns politicians and rail system's supposed crown jewel, with its £4 billion (\$632 billion), but now some analysts calculate that it might fetch only a quarter of that sum.

"The government has made a com-plete dog's breakfast of privatization." charges Adrian McNamin, a Labor spokesman. "These are major public assets, and the price seems to be going down and down and down."

Politics aside, one of the government's Securioes. key problems is simply the immense scale percent of the passenger franchises in of its own ambioons. It seeks not only to has raised hackles in powerful quarters.

private hands by this spring transfer the company to private hands but A target date in the spring has also been set for the flotation of Rail Track, the transfer the company to private hands but to break it up in a bid to encourage competition. In the process, privatization has grown so complex that its precise dimensions at times seem to clude even the government.

There are about 90 pieces to be sold But privatization has now also become off, but no one has ever really counted them all," said Suzy Craythom, a spokeswoman for the Department of Transport. In possible to be able to point to big im- many and the Netherlands have focused on provements in service by the time the next reorganization into just three or four

In the meantime, Tony Blair, the Labor leader, has tossed a wrench into the works come a victim of its own complexity." said Nigel Davies, an analyst at Panmure Gordon.

Investors wonder just what exactly

What concerns politicians and rail users alike is that the already little loved, vast property holdings. Rail Track was overly bureaucratic operation will be-originally believed to be worth more than separate companics - some privatized, some awaiting privarization - trying to find their own way and at the same time under pressure to improve service.

"The new system will require an incredibly high level of communication betweeo all these companies in order for any of them to operate efficiently." said Marshall Whiting, an analyst with S.G.S.T.

Even the drive for increased efficiency

### **Dollar Weakness** And Car Sector Dent Volvo Profit

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputches
STOCKHOLM — Volvo AB reported a 15 percent drop in nine-month pretax profit on Wednesday, hlaming surging costs at its car division and a weak U.S. dollar for the belowpar performance.

The company said it earned 10.8 billion kronor (\$1.61 billion), down from 12.7 billion kronor in the like period a year

Sales, driven by strong truck orders, rosc 15 percent, to 129.1 billion kronor.

Operating profit rose to 8.88 billioo kronor from 6.95 bil-

But Volvo's flagship auto business, which is anchored hy U.S. sales, saw its nine-month operating profit shrink 7 percent, to 1.93 billion kronor.

Volvo attributed the decline to rising development and operating costs as well as detrimental foreign exchange rates.

A weak dollar cuts into the value of Volvo's U.S. sales when they are converted to European currencies.

"The phase of product and market development in which Volvo Car is now engaged will continue to involve high costs and will not be fully reflected in earnings for several years," said Soeren Gyll, chief exec-

Bjoern Germer, chief analyst at Manteus Fondkommission. said, "After this report, it's hard to be optimistic about the whole thing.

Volvo B shares closed down lottery, to keep exclusive broad-5.50 kronor, at 140.50 kronor, cast rights to lottery drawings. in Stockholm.

The currency-related loss primarily just hit the division Volvo Cars, where a stronger Deutsche mark and Belgian franc increased costs, and a weaker dollar burt sales income.

quarter of Volvo's earnings, tery results "grotesque."

while accounting for 50 percent of group sales.

Separately, Fiat SpA said its truck unit Iveco had signed a joint venture deal to produce 12,000 of its own Iveco trucks a year in the Ukraine, Reuters reported from Turin, Italy.

Fiat said the deal had been agreed by the Ukraine's only industrial vehicle maker, Kraz. and by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Devclopment and Iveco.

(Bloomberg, AP)

### TF1 Chairman Is Released After

PARIS - Patrick Le Lay. chairman of France's biggest private television broadcaster TF1, was allowed to return home Wednesday after being questioned by police as part of a judicial fraud probe.

He was held hy police for quesconing for more than 24 hours in an investigation involving the state-owned lottery. Mr. Le Lay was not formally placed under investigation. It

was not known whether he would face formal charges. Investigators have said they suspect TF1 of having paid 10 million francs (\$2 million) to Gerard Cole, former president of the oational Française des Jeux

TF1 has denied the allegations. TF1 said police officers had searched its offices for three bours Tuesday before taking Mr. Le Lay for questioning. Mr. Le Lay has called the accusation r burt sales income.

Volvo Car musters only a keep exclusive rights to the lot-

### Russia Replaces Central Bank Governor

MOSCOW -- President Boris N. Yeltsin on Wednesday fired Tatyana Paramonova as head of the central bank and appointed her deputy a temporary replacement.

The move had been widely expected since the State Duma, Parliament's lower house, declined this summer for a second time to confirm Ms. Paramonova's nomination. She took over the post in October 1994 and since has stayed on as acting chief.

Alexander Khandruyev, the central bank's first deputy chairman, will take over as caretaker governor until a replacement is mercial banks and politicians for tight-

favored by senior executives, the result microreplication and other promising ad-

would be sales of as much as \$8 billion a vances, the sluggish growth of its earn-

year, greater than last year's revenues at ings serves as a warning that there is more

such giants as Eli Lilly & Co., Kellogg to corporate strategy than simply fos-

trial and consumer businesses and one of disks has led the company into a strategic

tering new technology.

features at higher prices.

improvements.

Many analysis say 3M's heavy invest-

ment in such low-margin commodity

businesses as videotapes, film and floppy

dead end, as most consumers prefer ever

cheaper, standardized products to new

sales has not been stellar. Although last

year's sales and profit were at record

levels, net income was virtually flat from

1991 to 1994, and sales growth in the

period was a modest 16 percent. This year

has brought only slight improvement

3M shares have risen only about 9 per-cent this year, compared with nearly 28 percent for the Standard & Poor's 500

Microreplication may yet pay off on this front, though, helping 3M buy time to prove that it can wring greater profit from

its commodity businesses through over-

seas expansion, cost controls and product

3M thinks about managing everything

from light, fluids and sound to electrical

connections and plain old wear and tear

Thanks to microreplication, 3M de-

veloped a thin transparent sheet of plastic

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on surfaces that rub together.

The technology is changing the way

Overall, 3M's growth in profit and

from a hospital where he is being treated dling last August's liquidity crisis and a for heart problems.

Ms. Paramonova has been credited with holding to tight monetary policies that have helped bring down inflation and stabilize likely to alter Russia's monetary policy. the ruble for the first time since the start of Russia's economic reforms in 1992.

She also has been instrumental in modemizing the central bank, building an institution suited to Russia's emerging market out of a bank designed for the Soviet command economy.

But she has been criticized by comfound, Mr. Yeltsin said in a decree issued ening reserve requirements and mishan-

Output

**Increases** 

In China

Bloomberg Business News

easing of credit in recent

months has begun to warm its

economy, resulting in increased

industrial output and sales in

October, economists said

September, and we should see a

modest bounce from October

on," said Chen Xingdong, an

economist with Crosby Secu-

rities in Beijing.
Data showing that inflation

was slowing might give the government sufficient confi-

dence to ease credit further, oth-

The government said incre-

mental industrial output - the

most widely watched measure

of China's industrial produc-

tion - grew at an annual rate of

12.9 percent in October, com-

pared with 12.3 percent for the

October's industrial output was valued at 151.3 billion

yuan (\$18.2 billion), bringing

the total for the first 10 months

of the year to 1.4 trillion yuan,

13.3 percent more than in the

As part of a campaign to curb

inflation, central bank officials

m September directed major

commercial banks to issue more

capital loans so that companies

like period last year.

"The economy hit bottom in

Wednesday.

er analysts said.

third quarter.

BEUING - China's slight

Economists and some legislators said the change of central bank leadership was oot "Alexander Khandruyev is oot likely to

steer monetary policy onto a new track, and obviously he will not just hand out soft loans," said Alexander Pochinok, deputy head of the Duma's budget committee. 'The course will be the same, but there will be more order, just because in certain circumstances it is easier for a man to do something which a woman cannot do. (Reuters, AP)

### French Cabinet Vows Cuts

By Max Berley Special to the Internal

PARIS — The streamlined new cabinet of Prime Minister Alain Juppé pledged Wednesday to attack France's growing public deficit in what it portrayed as an effort to create jobs as well as practice fiscal discipline.

Chairing the first meeting of the cabinet, President Jacques Chirac proclaimed a oew emphasis on financial rigor.

We will not be able to fight unemployment if we do oot fight very strongly against the deficit and debt," he said, according to aides. While the changes in the French cabinet appeared slight at first glance, analysts and

economists say Mr. Juppe's new team reflects a commitment to reducing France's deficits and to meeting the criteria for European mon-Tuesday, after only six months in office, Mr. Juppé presented the resignation of his entire cabinet, himself included, to Mr. Chirac, who then renominated him as prime minister

and charged him with creating a new cabinet. "The decision is in line with the policies Chirac defined in his speech 10 days ago," said Jean-François Mercier, French economist at Salomoo Brothers Inc. in London. "He said he wanted to reduce deficits and now he has to

deliver the goods." Optimism that the cabinet sbuffle meant the government was serious about cutting the budget deficit helped stabilize French financial markets Wednesday. On the Paris Bourse, the CAC-40 hlue-chip index rose 0.48 percent, to 1,866.33 points, while the French franc closed in Paris steady at 3.4553 Deutsche marks.

"The signal is clear, as it's the first time a government has been dissolved in the middle of budget negotiations with the Parliament," a Paris-based economist said.

The first target, they say, will be the deficit of the social security administration, which grew to 60 billion francs (\$12 billion) in 1994 and is expected to have grown an additional 65 billion francs in 1995.

Mr. Chen said the growth in output and sales had 'a lot to do with the easing of working-cap-Labor and Social Affairs Minister Jacques percent in three years.

s mat me government intends t take a hard line on reforming social security when the subject comes up for discussion in Parliament next week, analysts said.

"By consolidating the three ministries into one, the government has shown that it wants to present a unified front on social security deficit reduction, which is a crucial aspect of the cleansing of public finances," said Valerie As-selot, an economist at Crédit Lyonnais in

Economists also were encouraged by the appointment of Alain Lamassoure to the dual post of budget undersecretary and government spokesman. The appointment of Mr. Lamassoure, who is known as a strong proponent of European unity and was a close associate of former Prime Minister Edouard Balladur, is meant to send a signal that France will meet the Maastricht treaty's criteria for monetary union by slashing its deficit no more than 3 perceot of gross domestic product by 1997. On Wednesday, Mr. Lamassoure moved to

assure foreign investors by announcing a plan designed to eliminate the red tape involved in investing in France. Starting early next year, foreign investors will no longer be required to obtain government permission before investing in France.

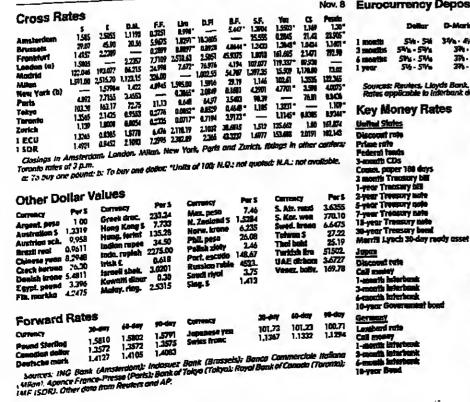
A major test for the new government will come Thursday, when the Bank of France's monetary policy council meets. Analysts said they expected a reduction in the 24-bour rate as a sign of the central bank's approval of the new cabinet. But no move on the key rates is expected before the government finishes the social security debate in Parliament. The government also faces opposition from

unions, who have accused the government of planning to curb benefits, Reuters reported. France's rail workers union called for a nationwide train strike Tuesday to protest government spending cuts.

{Air France, meanwhile, issued its final

offer to avert a crippling three-day strike by its cabin crews set to begin Thursday. Two unions representing 85 percent of the airline's cabin The creation of a "superministry" encom- crew called the strike to protest cuts in starting passing the previous ministries dealing with wages proposed as part of a plan to raise health, old age and labor and headed by new productivity at the unprofitable airline by 30

#### **CURRENCY & INTEREST RATES**



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### OECD: Growth to Pick Up 'Somewhat'

By Carl Gewirtz International Herald Tribune

PARIS - Economic growth in the in-

year's sharper-than-expected pause. That's the view expressed by Kumiharu Shigehara, chief economist at the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, and Joseph E. Stiglitz, chair-

day review of the outlook Wednesday. Although the officials were unwilling to

put specific numbers on the forecast, the had been expected. OECD's working hypothesis is that growth

in 1997 to the level that was forecast six

months ago for next year.

This year's growth forecast has been redustrialized countries next year is forecast vised downward to 2.3 percent from the 2.7 to pick op only "somewhat" from this percent predicted in June. Next year's growth is projected at 2.5 percent instead of 2.7 percent, and only in 1997 is expansion expected to get back to 2.8 percent.

The disappointment largely emanates from Japan, where this year's growth is now man of the U.S. Council of Economic Ad- expected to be one percentage point below visers and head of the OECD's Economic the June forecast, but also comes from in Policy Committee, which completed a two- Europe - where a half-point has been cut - and the United States, where growth is projected as 0.2 percentage point lower than

Inflation, meanwhile, is forecast to re-

in its 25 member countries will only catch up main contained at around 2 percent in the United States over the next two years. But by 1997, the OECD expects inflation in Germany to be running higher, at 2.2 percent, and in Europe overall at 2.7 percent. The previous forecast had the rates in the

United States and Europe virtually equal.

Unemployment in Europe is now expected to drop slightly faster than previously forecast, to 10.5 percent next year instead of 10.6 percent, and then to 10.3 percent in

The OECD also predicted a minor reduction in the U.S. current-account deficit, an equally minor adjustment in Japan's surplus and virtually no change in Europe. The current account includes trade in goods and services as well as private capital flows

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U.S. Orders Schneider Extradition

MIAMI (AFP) - A U.S. district court Wednesday ordered the

The government has more than established for each of the

extradition to Germany of the former property magnate Jürgen Schneider on charges of fraud, fraudulent bankruptcy and fal-

charges the burden of proof for probable cause," the judge of the

Florida court said after a daylong hearing.

Mr. Schneider, who was arrested here May 18, did not show any

· Learning Co. said it would accept a takeover offer valued at

\$60.26 a share from Broderbund Software Inc. rather than a

hostile offer of \$64.65 a share from SoftKey International Inc.

Boriand International Inc. plans to create software-devel-

opment tools based on Sun Microsystems Inc.'s technology. The

product would let programmers quickly write software based on

Sun's Java computer language, which is becoming the standard

American Airlines will consider forging code-sharing alliances with European airlines because regulatory hurdles have

Michael Jackson sold the music publishing rights to about 250

Beatles songs and other titles to Sony Corp. for about \$95

AP, Bloomberg

for presenting documents and images on the Internet.

airline has shied away from such agreements so far.

## Rockefeller Center Makes a Deal

By Stephanie Strom New York Times Service

NEW YORK — An investor group led by Goldman, Sachs & Co. and including David Rockefeller has struck a deal to buy Rockefeller Ceoter from Rockefeller Ceoter Properties Inc., the real estate investment trust that is preparing to take ownership of the trophy Manhattan property.

The Goldman group will pay \$8 a share, or \$306.1 million, to buy out the shareholders of the real estate investment trust. The group will also assume roughly \$845 million in debt and other liabilities.

By raising its original offer of \$7.75 a share, the Goldman group beat out a proposal by Gotham Partners LP, one of Rockefeller Center Properties' large shareholders, that would have kept the property in the hands of the trust's shareholders.

It also scotched a deal the trust had reached with an investor group led by Sam control.

Zell, the Chicago financier, which would have allowed shareholders to retain an in
65 years, and for almost that entire time. it terest to Rockefeller Center.

Both Gotham and the Zell group declined to comment, saying they had not had time to evaluate the Goldman deal.

Still, the deal appears likely to have ended a pitched battle for Rockefeller Cen- in the Place Vendome." ter. Moreover, it means Mr. Rockefeller efeller Jr., built in the middle of the Great

Mr. Rockefeller said the investors would "assure that the center remains a treasured asset of our city and our nation.'

That view was echoed by Jerry L Speyer, president of Tishman Speyer Properties Inc., the New York real estate company

The property has been standing almost has been a leader worldwide in terms of location and position in the office market,' Mr. Speyer said. "When you say Rockefeller Center, it means something. whether you say it in the Ginza in Tokyo or

The Goldman investors, Gotham and has apparently succeeded to his fight to Zell's group have been competing for coorestore his family's interest in the landmark trol of the property since its owners, two property that his father, John D. Rock-partnerships owned by Rockefeller Group Inc., filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy-law

protection in May. In September, Mitsuhishi Estate Co., which owned an 80 percent stake in the Rockefeller Group, stunned the real estate world when it decided to walk away from its almost \$2 billion investment in the that is part of the Goldman group and will operate the property when the group takes operate the group takes

### **Bond Rally Propels** Dow to Record High

NEW YORK - Stocks rose to a record Wednesday as bonds rallied and Internet-related issues rebounded from Tuesday's slump amid optimism that software companies will show strong growth.

The Dow Jones industrial av-

#### U.S. STOCKS

& Poor's Corp.'s 500 index rose 5.39 to an all-time high of 591.71.

Advancing issues outpaced the New York Stock Exchange. Oil, beverage and electrical equipment issues led the broad

A surge in bond prices also helped push stocks up. The benchmark 30-year Treasury bond was up 25/32 point, at 108 12/32, as investors displayed confidence that the Federal Reserve would soon lower interest

fell to 6.25 percent from 6.31 percent on Tuesday. Stocks and bonds were helped by optimism the federal budget will he balanced although Congress and President Bill Clinton remained at odds on the issue. Investors expect the impasse to be resolved, leading to federal belt-tightening that

will belp slow the economy's growth and restrain inflation. The rally in bonds helped stocks rebound from Tuesday's slump as investors bet budget cuts would give the Federal Reserve room to lower interest rates again, spurring economic growth and stronger earnings

growth next year. Investors shifted money into software companies and firms selling Internet access products, reacting to a slump in computer

chip shares Tuesday. Semiconductor shares declined the most, "People are a little less excited about semiconductor stock," said Jeff Roberts, a manager at Trendline Research & Management Corp.

Micky Mazzera, head of list-

ed stock trading at Alex. Brown & Sons, said, `There have been incredible moves to the upside on Internet stocks.

Cirrus Logic rose 1 1/8, to 29 1/8, rebounding from Tuesday. after the company said one of its major customers was reducing orders for certain graphics erage rose 55.64 points, to a and audio chips. Cirrus said the record 4,852.67. The Standard curback was partly a result of the customer's forecast for demand. The company said this would reduce revenue for the

current quarter. But America Online fell 3%. to 7814, after the computer online service company said late decliners by a 13-to-9 ratio on Tuesday it lost \$10.3 million in the July-September quarter after taking a special charge related to its acquisition of

Ubique Inc. In other technology issues, Sun Microsystems rose 11/2 to 81%. Borland International rose 21/8, to 151/8. The software developer said it planned to create software-development tools based on Sun Microsystems's rates. The 30-year bond yield Java object-oriented program-

ming language. IBM declined 14, to 9714, and

Intel fell 1 1/8, to 651/4. Cimco rose 114, to 91/8, after M.H. Hanna, a specialty chemical company, agreed to buy Cimco, a maker of plastic compounds and components, for about \$31 million...

Oxford Health Plans fell 414, to 6514. Its chief executive, Stephen Wiggins, said rapid growth had increased the company's administrative costs, which may prevent the company from reporting fourthquarter earnings at the high end of analysts' expectations.

Department Federated Stores rose 114, to 2814, even after the retailer reported a loss of \$46.4 million for the third

Dillard Department Stores, meanwhile, fell 34, to 29 1/8. after third-quarter profit fell below expectations.

Auto shares slipped after analysts predicted that Ford Motor would show a fourth-quarter loss. Ford fell 1/8. to 281/8. (Bloomberg, AP, Reuters)

### Lower Film Earnings Hurt News Corp.

NEW YORK - News Corp. said Wednesday that its net earnings rose 1 percent in its financial first quarter, helped by a one-time gain, but that its operating

profit fell because of lower earnings from

The Sydney-based company earned a net \$227 million in the quarter that ended Sept. 30, up from \$224 million in the yearago period. Profit was lifted by a one-time ain of \$17 millioo from currency translations related to its Australia-based Ansett Airlines. A year ago, News Corp. had an unspecified \$2 millioo charge.

Revenue rose 5 percent in the quarter, to \$2.31 billion from \$2.20 billion. erating profit was hurt by higher costs at the company's STAR TV satellite network and

But the company's profit from operations fell to \$210 million from \$222 million a vear ago.

News Corp.'s film division, which includes the 20th Century Fox film studio, reported a 47 percent drop in operating income, to \$30 million. Revenue fell to \$573 million from \$621 million. A year ago, Fox had a oumber of hig hits, including "Speed" and "True Lies." The only hit in the first quarter was "Die Hard

In addition to lower film revenue, op-

The money maker for News Corp. was its television stations. Operating income

by higher newsprint prices.

from televisioo jumped 67 percent, to \$82 million from \$49 million. Revenue rose to \$510 million from \$404 million. At the company's newspaper divisions, operating profit rose to \$80 million from \$77 million. The newspaper segment in-

cludes the British newspapers the Sun, Today and the Sunday Times, Newspaper revenue rose to \$554 million from \$512 (Bloomberg, Reuters)

### Japanese Asset Sales Weigh on Dollar

NEW YORK - The dollar fell against the yen Wednesday after a report showed Japanese investors had sold more foreign stocks and bonds in September than they had bought.

That pushed Japan's capital account into frustrated its attempt to penetrate the European market, Robert surplus for the first time since March. Crandall, chairman of the airline's parent company, said. The meaning more tovestmeot capital flowed into Japan than out that mooth.

When Japanese investors sell overseas assets to bring their profits home, they generally sell their proceeds in foreign currencies for yen.

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The dollar closed at 102.61 year, off from French franc and other European currenmarks from 1.4163 DM.

"When everybody has been fixated on the amount of money pouring out of Japan, and theo we see that they were actually

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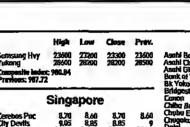
repatriating in September, it makes people pause," said Amy Smith Beaumoot, currency market strategist at IDEA.

103.02 yen, but it rose to 1.4220 Deutsche cies. When the mark falls against its European counterparts, it often helps the U.S. currency as investors sell marks.

The dollar rose to 1.1460 Swiss francs from 1.1390 francs and to 4.8945 French francs from 4.8825 francs. The pound

slipped to \$1.5798 from \$1.5810.

The dollar rose to a record against the Mexican peso for a second day, climbing to 7.850 pesos from 7.475 pesos Tuesday, and traders said the move represented an attack The dollar rose against the mark as the on the currency amid concern over gov-German currency slid against the lira, ernment policies. (Reuters, Bloomberg)



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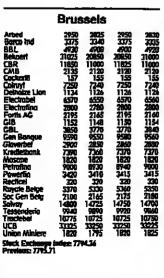
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## Domestic Sales Rise Helps Siemens Beat Strong Mark

MUNICH—Siemens AG said Wednesday that rising domestic sales had offset the negative effects of the strong Deutsche mark, helping profit in its latest financial year rise 5 percent, to 2.08 billion DM (\$1.47 billion) from 1.99 billion DM.

Excluding a one-time gain from a sale of assets last year, the electronics and heavy-equipment company said profit rose 25 percent, from 1.65 billion DM a year earlier.

According to preliminary figures, sales rose 5 percent, to 88.8 billion DM from 84.6 billion DM. Final results for are to be released Dec. 14

Domestic orders jumped 8 percent, to 38 billion DM, while German sales rose 6 percent, to 37.9 billion DM. International business was hurt

Underwriting Bolsters Munich Re
Münchener Rückversicherungs-Gesellschaft by the strong mark and a dip in major contracts. Foreign orders were steady at 53.9 billion DM, while sales gained 4 percent to 50.9 billion DM. U.S. orders rose in dollar terms but declined 7 percent when translated into marks.

Some analysts, who said the profit was within expectations, said they were surprised that the company's shares fell 4 DM, to 745.

There are a lot of doubters." said Robin Maxwell of Dresdner Bank AG. "I wouldn't read ton many negatives into it, though,"

*Oppenheimer* 

Has a Suitor

Bloomberg Business News

MUNICH — Bay-erische Vereinsbank AG

said Wednesday it was in

talks to buy Oppenheimer

& Co., an acquisition that

would give the bank a footbold on Wall Street

and end the New York se-

curities firm's two-year

bank and Oppenheimer are

in talks and examining the

possibility of working to-

gether, said Thomas Pfaff, a Vereinsbank spokesman, Terms were

Vereinsbank, one of

Germany's largest banks,

would probably pay about

565 million Deutsche

marks (\$400,7 million) to

acquire Oppenheimer, said

Christopher Williams, an

analyst at the brokerage

concern Fox-Pitt Kelton in

Bayerische Vereins-

search for a buyer.

not disclosed.

London.

Divisional results were mixed. The components division, which includes semiconductors, was the biggest earner. The unit posted pretax profit of 1.02 billion DM, nearly triple the 300 million DM it earned a year earlier.

The computer unit, Siemens Nixdorf Informationssysteme AG, posted profit of 62 million DM, reversing a loss of 319 million DM a year earlier. It was the unit's first profit in four years.

Siemens is becoming a technological leadsaid Peter-Thilo Hasler, an analyst at Bay-He said the company's growing importance had

DM. Final results for are to be released Dec.

Siemens said the strength of the mark reduced revenue by about 7 billion DM. Without the negative currency effect, sales would have risen (Bloomberg, Reuters) been demonstrated by its inclusion this year in a (Bloomberg, Reuters)

> AG said profit from underwriting led to an 8 percent rise in net profit in its latest year, to 325 million DM, Bloomberg Business News reported from Munich

> Premium income in the year to June 30 rose to 28.97 billion DM from 28.64 billion DM, while investment income rose 3 percent, to 7.34 billion DM. The company's stock rose 10, to 2.950.

> The world's largest reinsurer, which is widely known as Munich Re, said profit in the next financial year would not improve significantly.

### **EU Approves Subsidy** For Dow in Germany

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BRUSSELS — The European Commission on Wednes-

day cleared a German aid package of 9.5 billion Deutsche marks (\$6.73 billion) to help the U.S.-based Dow Chemical Co. buy a petrochemical group in Eastern Germany.

subsidy only on a series of conditions that lowered the 11 billion DM price originally sought by Dow by 1.5 billion DM. The biggest change con-

cerned the commission's insistence that a request for 966 million DM to subsidize energy prices be removed from the "The commission concludes

that the modified proposed plan by Dow Chemical will be viable," the commission said. The privatization of the petrochemical concern, BSL

largest sales of state-owned assets since German unification five years ago. Dow's European unit would buy 80 percent of the company from BvS, the successor to the Treuhandanstalt privatization agency. BSL is the remaining core of

the publicly owned East German The commission agreed to the petrochemical industry, com-ubsidy only on a series of con-posed of Buna GmbH, Sachsische Olefinwerke GmbH and part of Leuna-Werke GmbH. The agreed aid scheme implies privatization as well as

restructuring on the basis of a plan agreed between Dow Chemical and the German authorities," the commission said, adding that Dow had been the only potential buyer. BvS has started the restructuring by closing factories and cutting the work force by 20,000 to less than 6,000.

The commission scrutinizes Polyolefinverbund GmbH, state subsidy programs to see would represent one of the that they comply with EU rules.

### Is SGS-Thomson Getting Ready for A Shopping Trip?

"The industry has over-

heated in the last few years,"

ident of Integrated Circuit En-

gineering, a Scottsdale, Ari-

firm. "We are nearing the

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industry's most lucrative sec-

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RAMs - which accounts for

The global market for D-

That market is being driven

by the emergence of powerful

personal computers and mem-

ory-consuming software, such

as Microsoft Corp.'s Win-

dows 95 operating system.
Still, SGS-Thomson has

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But industry analysts dis-

will account for about 40 per-

cent of the chip market by

2000 - implies that almost

all the big chipmakers have to

be in that market, Mr. East-

ductor companies that ana-

lysts say would be good matches for SGS-Thomson.

Mr. McClean said SGS-

Thomson could be a more

credible presence in the mi-

croprocessor market by tak-

ing over Cyrix Corp., the

Richardson, Texas, company that it works with to make

But Cyrix says it is oot in-

terested in being taken over.

SGS-Thomsoo also could forge ties with Hitachi Ltd. of

Japan or Micron Technology

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ory chips, or D-RAMs.

What's more, SGS-Thom-

peak of the market."

Bloomberg Business News PARIS - Flush with cash last, analysts said. from its second share sale in a year, SGS-Thomson Microelectronics NV, Europe's said Bill McClean, vice presbiggest independent computer-chip maker, is expected to buy or tearn up with other zona research and consulting companies to tap rich new

"If it wants to be in the Top 10" - an often-stated ambition of what is now the world's 13th largest chip- tors - the market for dymaker — a merger or acquisition "is inevitable." said Jim Eastlake, a senior analyst with Dataquest, a

arket research firm. about 30 percent of the chip SGS-Thomson, which sold industry — is estimated to be market research firm. 17 percent of its shares to growing 80 percent a year. individual investors last December, sold a further 13 percent last month. That brought it more than \$900 million -\$375 million for the company itself and \$525 million for other companies that held equity stakes in it.

no plans to get into the D-RAM market, said Jean-Analysts say some of that money could be used to ac-Philippe Dauvin, the compaquire all or parts of other comny's chief economist. panies, letting SGS-Thomsoo D-RAMs," he said. tap new markets or expand in areas where the company has agree. Continued strong growth in D-RAMs — which a small presence.

A spokeswoman for SGS-Thomsoo said the company had "nothing specific" in the works, but she acknowledged that an acquisition would be one way of accelerating growth.

Since its creation in 1987 through the combination of two weak European chipmakers, SGS Microelectronics of Italy and Thomson Semiconductors of France. the company has transformed itself into a nimble participant in the intensely com-

petitive chip market. Profit has soared, more than doubling last year, to \$363 million. In the first nine months of this year, profit grew to \$359 million from \$253 million.

But the company may need to accelerate growth soon. Inc., of Boise, Idaho, to get a The spectacular boom the font in the D-RAM market, semiconductor industry has some said.

### **Glaxo Puts Money Into** Research

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputs has LONDON — Glaxo Wellcome PLC said Wednesday it planned to triple the productivity of its research and development operations by 2000 after a review of its drug portfolio.

The world's largest drugmaker also said it planned to introduce three medicines a year starting in 2000.

But analysts said they were not impressed by the company's presentation on drug developments. Doubts about its new products

briefly weighed on Glaxo shares, analysts said. But Glaxo closed at 886 pence (\$13.99). 1 higher. "Glaxo had no new drugs that we did not already know about," an analyst said.

Another analyst said: "The cupboard is bare. There are no exciting new drugs in sight. The company said it had weeded the entire Glaxo Well-

come portfolio since buying Wellcome PLC this year for \$15 billion. It oow has 50 research pro-

jects and 93 development projects under way.

Glaxo said despite the "complexities and distraction" of the integration, it had made 33 regulatory submissions for the first

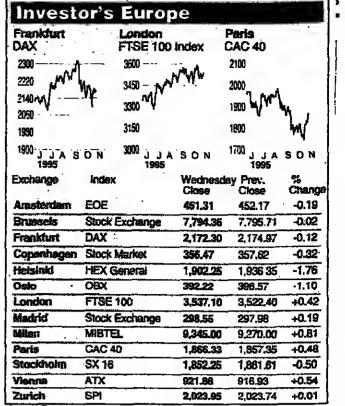
11 months of 1995. Areas of research include anti-viral compounds, cardiovascular disease, cancer and neurosciences. Considerable resources are being committed to respiratory, anti-viral, central nervous system, cancer and cardiovascular therapeutic treat-

Research and development spending is expected to total £1.2 billion (\$1.89 billion) in 1996, Glaxo said, compared with spending of £955 million

(AFX, Bloomberg, Reuters)

■ Pharmacia Net Falls Pharmacia AB said its net profit fell 10 percent in the first nine months of the year because of an increase in research and development and operating costs, Agence France-Presse

reported from Stockholm. Net profit slipped to 2.39 billion kronor (\$357.7 million). Sales declined 2 perceot, to 19.4 billion kropor.



#### Very briefly:

 Pierre Habib-Deloncle was appointed chairman of Societe Marseillaise de Crédit, a state-owned regional French bank that is scheduled to be sold to the public.

 Ibéria Lineas Aéreas de España SA posted a loss of 9 billion pesetas (\$73 million) for the first 10 months of the year, narrowed from a loss of 27.17 billion pesetas a year earlier.

• KNP NV's third-quarter net profit rose to 116 million guilders (\$73 million) from 86 million guilders a year earlier as strong demand for lightweight coated paper and newsprint helped sales

rise to 3.68 billion guilders from 3.18 billion guilders, • Frankfurt authorities are investigating alleged insider trading by an employee at Dresdner Bank AG in connection with shares in Klockner-Humboldt-Deutz AG, a spokesman from the pros-

 Rank Organisation PLC appointed Andrew Teare, an industry outsider, to succeed Michael Gifford as chief executive.

The European Commission plans to standardize EU licensing procedures for satellite systems for mobile telecommunications AFX. Bloomherg, AP, Reuters

#### Tobacco Business Buoys BAT's Net

LONDON - BAT PLC said Wednesday its pretax profit jumped 20 percent, to £659 million (\$1.04 billion), in the third quarter, helped by a strong per-formance from the company's tobacco business.

The tobacco and financialservices concern added that nine-month pretax profit was up 22 percent, to £1.81 billion. The quarterly figure exceed-

ranged from £610 million to £630 million. BAT shares rose 13 pence, to 546. Tobacco profit rose 34 per-

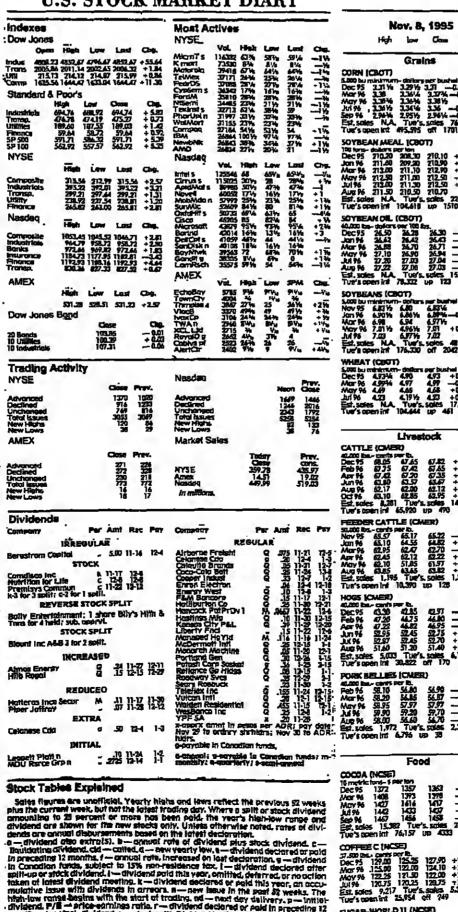
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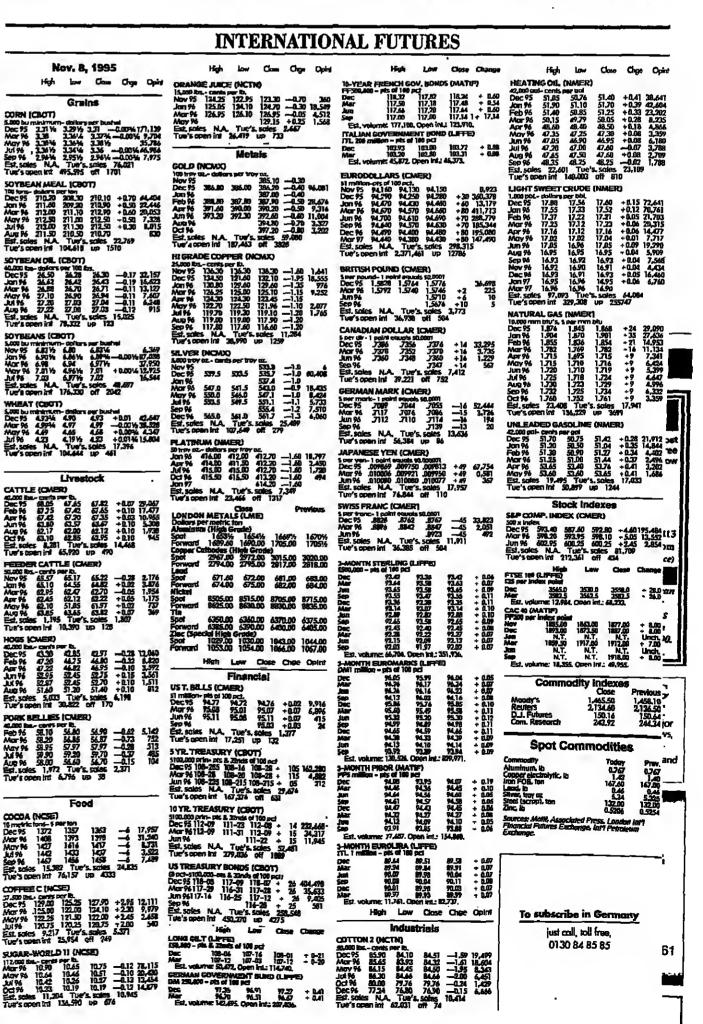
cent, to £1.21 billion, in the first nine mooths of the year. The company said its U.S.

tobacco unit benefited from price increases in May and higher volume after last year's purchase of American Tobacco. (Bloomberg, Reuters)

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### Japan's Surplus Shrinks 10% on **Strong Imports**

imports and sluggish exports were limited by fears that the helped Japan's current-account Surplus shrink 10 percent in not agree to raise the national September from a year earlier, debt ceiling. to \$10.61 billion, the Finance Ministry said Wednesday.

For the half-year through September, the current-account surplus dropped 7.4 perceot, to \$58.30 billion, the smallest in three years.

Economists said the declines showed that the overall trend in have been re-established. the surplus was clearly downward. Japan's trading partners. especially the United States. trade. It includes merchandise frequently point to the huge trade surpluses as evidence that the Japanese market is oot suf-

ficiently open to imports.

The figures helped lift the dollar. At the end of trading Wednesday in Tokyo, the dollar rose to 103.20 yen from

#### B'Shares Hit by Talk Of Tax Rise

Bloombere Business News SHANGHAI — 'B' shares traded in Shanghai dropped Wednesday to their lowest level with slumping Chinese stocks traded in Hong Kong amid ru-mors of higher tax rates that could puncture earnings.

The benchmark Shanghai B Share Index, which tracks chandise trade surplus fell 3 shares that foreign investors can own, fell 2.2 percent to 51.54 points, its lowest level since May 11.

Shares that foreign investors percent, to \$70.19 billion. The outflow of long-term ital showed a large decreased August, and in September its shares that foreign investors percent, to \$70.19 billion.

The HSCE China Enterprise Index, which tracks shares in Chinese state-owned companies traded in Hong Kong known as H shares — has dropped almost 10 percent this

said Ben Yang, an analyst at Japanese stocks. Baring Securities in Shanghai.

Compiled by Our Stuff From Dispatches
103.05 yen at the close TuesTOKYO—Steady growth in day. The U.S. currency's gains

Apart from an unexpected surge in August, the trend in the Japanese trade surplus has been one of decline for most of this уеаг.

Economists said the rise in August was an anomaly and that the downward trend seemed to

The current account is the trade. It includes merchandise trade and nonmerchandise items such as banking services. overseas investment and insurance. A reduction in Japan's surplus tends to help the dollar because it means Japanese exporters have fewer dollars to

sell for yen.

Ron Bevacqua, an economist at Merrill Lynch & Co., said the prospect of further declines in Japan's surplus should boost the dollar to 110 yen in six months.

The merchandise trade portion of the current account, shrank 7.2 percent in September, to \$13.16 billion.

Imports rose 13.8 percent in September, to \$23.95 billion, led by personal computers, semiconductors, clothing and cars. Export growth weakened as manufacturers shifted produc-tion offshore to escape the strong yen and high labor costs. Exports, led by semiconductors. machine tools and steel, rose 5.4

percent, to \$37.11 billion. For the half-year, the mer

The outflow of long-term capital showed a large decrease in August, and in September there was a net inflow of capital.

Economists said turnaround had been caused by companies bringing back funds to help enhance half-year earnings figures, as well as slow B shares fell "because of the impact of the H-share market," said Ben Yang an analysis

### Bond Buyers Say No to Vietnam Global Investors Doubt Pace of Hanoi's Reforms

Bloomberg Business News

HO CHI MINH CITY - The first worldwide sale of a bond linked to stock in a Vietnamese company has been postponed indefinitely, a sign that investors are skeptical of Vietnamese companies and the country's market reforms.

The sale of \$40 million of bonds of the

Hong Kong-based Luks Industrial Co., which manufactures electronic compo-nents, was scheduled for last Wednesday in London. The bonds are convertible into stock in Luks Vietnam, a unit of Luks do so through a so-called put option for a Industrial. The main problem with the guaranteed 12.7 percent yield. Investors convertible issue is that Vietnam does not yet have a stock market.

The sale was called off after investors -

Hegt, a portfolio manager for HSBC Asset Management. HSBC considered the Luks bond but decided it was too risky.

"We have to wait for clients to re-spond," Martin C.T. Fan, corporate sec-retary of Luks Industrial, said last week after the sale in London was scrapped. On Wednesday, a company spokesman said Luks was "confident" the company could sell the bonds within two weeks.

A spokesman for Salomon Brothers Inc., which is managing the sale, said the fact that the bonds offer conversion into stocks that do not yet exist had required them to lonk for investors with an unusually long-term outlook

shares of Luks Vietnam, seemed sweet

Special clauses addressed the bonds' single biggest risk: that stock in Luks Vietnam will exist only when, and if, Vietnam finally starts a stock market.

The government has said it plans to start one, but many investors say it will take several years for a bourse to open. Under terms of the bond, if no stock market is opened within three years and

the investors want to cash out, they may can cash out after four years for a guaranteed 13 percent yield. If a stock market is opened by Novem-

despite being offered unusually high yields ber 1997, investors will be able to exand escape clauses with guaranteed payouts — failed to step forward.

"It's a young economy, there's on comporate law, and the concept of equity doeso't exist" in Vietnam, said Robert control of the stock offering price.

If the market is opened between December 1997 and November 1999, the discount increases to 20 percent.

The terms of the Luks bond, which pays 7 percent annual interest, are generous when compared with other Asian convertible bonds. A convertible bond sold by the Hong Kong property company China Resources Enterprise Ltd., for ex-ample, pays annual interest of up to 3.25 percent, can be converted to shares at a 15 percent premium and offers a five-year put option at about a 7 percent yield.

Mark Hodge, an analyst who follows Luks Industrial at GK Goh Holdings Ltd., said the company was having a difficult time getting money it is owed in China, where most of its manufacturing is done. Within four years, the company hopes to The terms of the bonds, which come generate as much as 70 percent of its due in 2000 and are convertible into revenue from Vietnam, which currently

Luks is to use the funds raised from the bond issue to develop its cement and property businesses in Vietnam. Luks Vietnam already owns a stake in a Ho Chi Minh City office tower complex, Saigon World Trade Center, which is scheduled for completion in 1997.

The company is likely to find it has just as many problems in Vietnam as it does in

China, bankers said. "Most joint ventures in Vietnam are

struggling," one said.

The hairing pace of Vietnam's financial market reforms has dampened enthusiasm for the Luks convertible bond. In recent years, under Vietnam's doi moi, or economic-reform policy, the government has taken steps to open the country's economy to foreign capital.

In June, the Vietnamese central bank sold 83.6 billion dong (\$7.6 million) of Treasury bills in the country's first govbanks and four foreign banks were li-censed to participate in bidding.

But reforms have frequently been

slowed by restrictions placed on foreign ownership of Vietnamese assets.

Government officials have said a stock market will start as early as 1997 but have publicly argued over how it should be regulated and which agency will run it.

That wrangling has led many foreign investors to doubt that a bourse will open

Last week, a British daily newspaper published an interview with a Finance Ministry official, Nguyen Cong Ngheip. Citing the relatively few Victnamese companies that could qualify to issue shares, he said Vietnam was still "a long way" from starting a stock exchange.

# Investor's Asia 1.000g

#### **Very briefly:**

Japan's Fair Trade Commission ordered 106 construction
 companies to pay a total of 1.5 billion yen (\$14.6 million)
 penalties for rigging bids on public-works projects.

 Japan wants an Asia-Pacific free-trade area by 2020, but ambassador to the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum sa Japan still wanted special treatment for agriculture.

NEC Corp. of Japan and Samsung Electronics Co. of Sour Korea are to work together to make logic chips for electronic consumer products in Asian markets. Terms were not disclose

 Kentucky Fried Chicken, a unit of PepsiCo Inc., is to contin to expand in India despite the fact that New Delhi's city go ernment said it was determined to shut one of its restaurants.

 China, in an effort to calm scandal-ridden futures markets. rules that will force traders who are not members of a sanction exchange to submit qualifications for review.

 Hong Kong is raising 8.2 billion Hong Kong Jollars (\$1:0 billion) in syndicated loans to continue building its new airport • Hyundai Motor Co. expects 1995 profit to rise 32 percent, 180 billion won (\$233.2 million). AFP, AP. Bloomberg. Reute

#### Acer October Sales Double

TAIPEI - Acer Inc., one of the world's largest manufacture of personal computers, said Wednesday that its sales in Octob more than doubled because of brisk global demand.

Sales last month rose to 7.3 billion Taiwan dollars (\$268 million) from 3.4 billion dollars in the like month last year. Ad said. The figures did not include revenue from the company

Acer said sales for the first 10 months of 1995 rose 85.1 percer no measures were taken to increase exports to 47.2 billion dollars. Group sales last month climbed 87 and limit imports. (Bloomberg, Reuters) percent from a year earlier, to 17.1 billion dollars,

### Firms' Profits Show Indonesian Growth

JAKARTA - The blue-chip companies Indosat and PT Astra International posted profit rises Wednesday, and analysts said the news reflected a strengthening Indonesian economy.

Indosat, the government-controlled telecommunications company, said net profit rose 55 perceot, to 121.5 billion ruplah (\$53.3 millioo), in the third quarter as sales rose 12 percent, to 260.8 billion rupiah. Nine-mooth net profit rose 66 percent, to 342.2 billion rupiah. The company's shares fell 50 rupiah, to 7,600.

Astra International, a major carmaker, said third-quarter net profit rose 24 percent, to 90 billion rupiah. For the first nine

months, net profit was 271.41 billion rupiah. a 45 percent increase from a year earlier. Nine-month revenue rose 40 percent, to 8.79 trillion rupiah. Shares in Astra slid 25, to

"The improved earnings in these two companies reflects sustained growth in the national economy," said Setiadi, an analyst with Asian Development Securities. The World Bank estimated in a June report on Indonesia that economic growth in

1994 was 7.3 percent. Data from the brokerage concern Vickers Ballas Tamara showed that among 197 companies surveyed, 1995 first-half profit

rose 43.8 percent on average.

Analysts said they expected an interest-

rate cut and reduced inflation to belo sus tain strong earnings growth.

Irene Tang, an economist at Banque Paribas in Paris, wrote in a recent report:
"We see the possibility of a gradual easing in interest rates from early next year. Over 1996, rates are likely to fall by around 100 basis points," or a full percentage point. Andrew Ferris, chief regional economist

with Salomon Brothers in Hong Kong, said Tuesday that inflation was likely to slow to 7.5 percent in 1996 from an estimated 9 percent this year.

He said a widening current-account deficit would put pressure on the economy if

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country way ahead of Mr. Yeltsin's

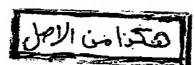
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## 3M: A New Technology Pervades a Range of Future Applications at Minnesota Company

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prisms that helped manufacturers of laptop computer screens halve the amount of battery power their products needed. For the sandpaper designers,

microreplication resulted in a tough product that is used to polish golf clubs, hip implants and other metal items.

In the highway sign appli-cation, introduced in 1988, 3M sells sheeting with 7,000 reflecting prisms a square inch. That makes the signs as much as three times as bright at night as normal sign surfaces, which use tiny glass beads scattered in plastic film.

3M is not the first company to seek big money from replicating small surface features. The recording iodustry grew from the trick of replicating fine grooves in plastic. What 3M has done, though, is to explore the potential of features as little as one-thousandth the size of those on a record.

While other companies are alwhile other companies are also exploring microreplication's leading edge, none appears to have developed as broad a reach as 3M For example Packets as 3M For example Packets to diamond-cutting tools.

"I remember it as a decision we made on faith," said 3M's chief executive, L.D. DeSias 3M. For example, Rochester Photonics Corp. uses microreplication to produce sharper images over wider fields of vision in the plastic lenses it designs for binoculars, microscopes and "virtual reality" systems. Opcor, another company based in Rochester. New York, does the manufacturing on its molding equipment.

Surprisingly to some re-searchers, 3M is pioneering in this almost invisible realm by using diamond-tipped cutting tools to form molds.

3M moved into microreplication in the early 1960s when Mr. Appeldom began looking for an inexpensive, lightweight replacement for glass lenses in the earliest overhead projectors so that 3M could expand into the education market.

His solution, a plastic lens with thousands of tiny lightfocusing grooves, led to several other developments, such as traffic lights that could be seen as drug delivery systems, have only from certain lanes.

But Mr. Appeldorn knew he ited growth prospects such as had to find an application in a the skin patches that 3M makes far larger market, such as high- to help wean smokers from way signs, to win more cor-

porate support.
It also became apparent that
3M needed a broad package of skills to advance microreplication, including far better methods of precision manufacturing and of measuring how the tiny features it was making were shaped and what they did.

One of the biggest steps for-ward came in 1982 when Mr. Appeldorn persuaded Mr. Mitsch, a chemist and former college friend who was then in charge of research and development for 3M's life sciences group, to help him push for the acquisition of Optical Systems Group, a small California-based company.

Optical Systems owned in formation and pateots that the two men felt 3M needed to develop extremely high-precisioo

mone. It took a full decade to hit the first hig target, the sheeting for highway signs, giving 3M a chance at a market valued at more than \$100 million a year.

During this time, microreplication was one of many techoologies competing for attention within 3M. Some, such as biotechnology, have never re-ally found a place. Others, such

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niconne. Even though microreplication has now caught the attention of many 3M business units, its progress has been slowed by the challenge of figuriog out the

best way to use it "You often doo"t hit the best application until the third or fourth try." said Andrew Wong, head of the unit that is now selling more than 12 million light-enhancing screens annually to Sharp Corp. and other Japanese makers of laptop displays. The unit did oot enter that business until 1992, after several years of applying microreplication to automotive products such as taillights.

Other uses are being held up a lack of willing partners. Mr. Appeldom says experimental results indicate that plastic films can be efficient collectors of solar energy, but 3M does not want to invest in making all the other pieces of a functioning solar energy system. Microreplication is gathering

steam in part because it has spread beyond the optics applications that ourtured it and into related areas such as sandpaper. Improved product perfor-

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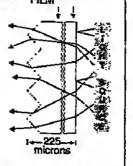
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More Light to Work By

3M has engineered a piece of film with tiny ridges that sits behind a liquid crystal display in computer screens and makes the images brightar by directing more light toward the viewer.

#### BRIGHTNESS ENHANCEMENT FILM

Light enters the film and is refracted toward the viewer by the prism-like surface of the film when it exits. If light enters the film at the wrong angla or tries to axit tha film at an angle that is too acute, it is reflected back toward the light source. The surface of the light source reflects the light again until it can pass through the film. This process makes the screen appear about 60 percent brighter than ordinary displays.



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\$1.15 billion last year.

British Columbia that is study-

for cutting noise in aircraft.

Source: 3M Company force, however.

Because it is made from one material in a single molding step, the highway sign material is cheaper to manufacture than glass-bead products once the factory machinery is in place. It is also an environmental bargain because it does away with the need for the air-polluting solvents used in making the glass-bead products.

One sign that microreplica-tion has finally arrived is that projects related to it are oow commanding 5 percent to 10 mance is not the only driving percent of the company's capBy Julia Preston

New York Times Service MEXICO CITY - Government and business leaders are holding closed-door negociations on a proposal from private industry to create joint funds to stabilize the peso, officials and executives have said.

**Pooling Funds for the Peso** 

Government and Business Seek Stability...

Leading Mexican companies have offered to coorribute to a fund of about \$5 billion that could be used to buy pesos in currency markets and belp bolster the peso's value when it faced selling pressure, officials and executives said Tuesday. The peso plan, which business execuoves said had the support of the government, was prompted by a sell-off in the currency Friday that was accelerated by groundless rumors of a possible military coup in Mexico.

Negotiations to support the currency come at a time of rising frustration over the fact that posital hudget, up from nothing a decade ago. The budget totaled itive signs in the economy and President Ernesto Zedillo's continued tight monetary policies have failed to restore confidence in the currency. Another sign is that the com-The mood is much too speculative." Dion-

pany is beginning to support outside research projects, such as one at the University of isio Garza Medina, chairman of the industrial cooglomerate Alfa Corp., said. People are only listening to rumors." Mr.

Garza said. "Real measures by the government ing the technology's potential "We know less than 2 per-ceot of the capability of this swings to the peso to belp everybody who does business here." to solve Mexico's long-term problems have gone

Mexican husiness leaders are proposing to set up two funds for an initial period of six months. executives said.

One fund, to be managed by the country's central bank, would draw on dollars provided by companies that earn the foreign currency through their exports. The bank would sell the dollars to offset abrupt drops in the peso's foreign-exchange value.

A second fund would be built from credits from Mexican banks, based on their dollar reserves. Companies promoting the plan other than Alfa include the Mexican subsidiary of Kimberly-Clark Corp., the cement maker Cimentos de México SA, the glass maker Vitro SA and Desc Sociedad de Fomento Industrial SA, an auto-parts manufacturer.

Mr. Garza said executives had concluded that a lack of liquidity, stemming from the grinding recession that persists in Mexico, had made the peso vulnerable to impulsive shifts in demand.

Since the peso began to decline again in October, the government has repeatedly raised shortterm interest rates, virtually paralyzing credit for private business

The proposals being discussed now appear to be more important as a gesture of husiness sympathy for the government than as an effective rket-control mechanism.

But some traders said they did not think the amounts of money under discussion would be enough to counteract speculative peso selling.

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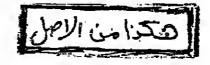
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Jason Kidd and Jim Jackson each scored 11 points in the first half as the Dallas Mavericks beat the Vancouver Grizzlies, 99-88, for the first 3-0 start in the franchise's 15-year history. We had some exciting

plays and then it got down to Chicago, Michael Jordan protecting the lead," said the scored eight of 38 points in a 15-

#### NBA ROUNDUP

Dallas coach, Dick Motta, who points, Kidd added 15 and Jack-

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Cherokee Parks, a rookie, grabbed 10 rebounds for the straight road games. Mavericks, who had oo starter play more than 28 minutes.

Nets 104, Trail Blazers 84: Armon Gilliam scored 16 Jersey routed Portland in their opener. home opener for their first victory of the season.

Clifford Robinson led the Trail Blazers with 24 points and

York, Charles Barkley and Wayman Tisdale each scored 10 points in the fourth quarter as Phoenix beat the Knicks for their first victory of the sea-

Patrick Ewing scored 25 points to lead the Knicks. The New York forward Anthony Mason was ejected midway through the third quarter for arguing, and Charles Smith broke his nose and also had to leave.

Buils 117, Reptors 108: In 0 run in the fourth quarter as the Bulls remained unbeaten with a victory over Toronto.

Scottie Pippen shrugged off a won his 895th game Tuesday. groin injury to score 26 points
Jamal Mashburn scored 16 for the Bulls, who have beaten their first three opponents by an son had 12 and nine rebounds average of 15 points per game.

for the Mavericks, who did not trail after the first three minutes

Hornets 108, Pistons 96: In Charlotte, North Carolina, Dell Curry triggered a third-quarter and led by as many as 20 points run, then scored 12 of his 27 Benoit Beojamio scored 16 points in the fourth as the Horpoints and Darrick Martin nets beat Detroit for the 11th

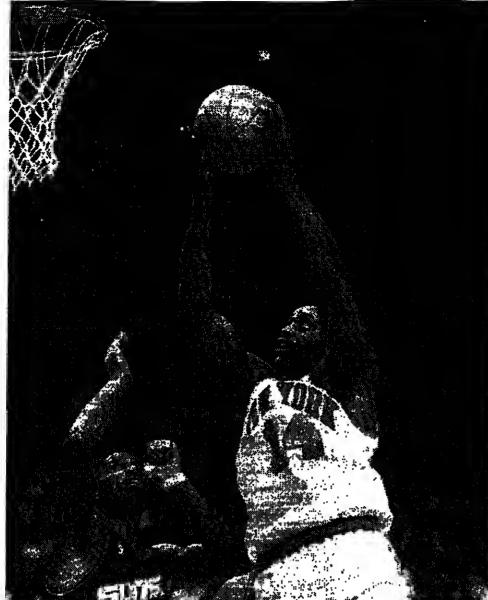
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Philadelphia, Walt Williams straight time.

Timberwolves 93, Lakers 92: scored six of his 22 points in a Sean Rooks made the second of second-quarter run as Sacra-

points for the 76ers. Supersonies 127, Clippers 108: In Seattle, Gary Payton scored 21 points and Shawn Kemp 18 as the Sonics defeated Kings 109, 76ers 106: In Los Angeles for the ninth

### Woofs and Yaps but No Boos As Barkley Makes the Noise Knicks Talk Too Much, Score Too Little

By George Vecsey
New York Times Service

NEW YORK - The last time the New York Knicks played a game that counted in Madison Square Garden, they suffered the indignity of watching Patrick Ewing's finger-roll shot wriggle off the rim as time and the season ended. The Knicks and Ewing were back in the Garden on

Tuesday night, Vantage and they suffered **Point** 

the indignity of watching Charles Barkley's late acrobatic reverse-spin layup set up a three-point play as the Phoenix Suns took the home opener from the Knicks, 102-94. The Knicks also suffered from having their

new starter, their so-called point forward, Anthony Mason, get himself kicked out of the game with 18 minutes 54 seconds left.

Mason — himself a New Yorker — had urged the Garden fans Tuesday to lay off the verbal abuse if the Knicks had a bad game or a bad

What Mason forgot to say was that he would take care of the verbal abuse. He picked on the rent-a-refs being used during the NBA referees' strike and received two personal fouls in the same sequence, and trudged off court, even before the officials signaled the automatic ejection.

The fans could have booed him, but they must have been taking his advice seriously. Their tolerance for shenanigans like Mason's won't last long. And it shouldn't.

If you're going to dish out verbal abuse, make sure you do it at the right time - and then stick around to control the game. Barkley showed how it's done, cussing the office-temp officials until he learned the call had gone his way. Fortunately, his teammate A.C. Green had clamped a full-Nelson (the wrestling hold, not the Knicks' coach Don) around the thick neck of Barkley.

Barkley also cussed a few fans and then cussed his teammate, Wesley Person, in the final period. But that's vintage Charles. In past visits to New York, he has leaped over tables to get at a real

official. For Barkley, this was restrained. After the game, somebody pointed out that youngsters like Elliot Perry and Michael Finley

"They're supposed to," Barkley said. 'They re getting paid.'

A full nine hours before Ewing ran into the cinder-block elbows of Barkley, Ewing ran into the barbed-wire wit of Barkley. The two crossed paths during the remarkably loosey-goosey overlap of practices by the two teams - a very noticeable symptom of the post-Riley era.

Whereas Pat Riley used to keep his players isolated in their bunker until it was time to take command of the emptied Garden, Nelson didn't seem to mind as his Knicks watched Paul Westphal's Suns staging the morning shoot-around, a pro-basketball ritual designed to keep the players off the streets of NBA cities.

Ewing plopped his large self in a front-row, seat while the Suns lobbed shots in the general direction of the basket. His old pal Barkley - they were teammates on Dream Team I in Barcelona plopped his large self two seats away.

Hey, I read you're making \$18 million this season," Barkley shouted at Ewing from a distance of a foot. "I never met anybody who was making \$18 million a year.

"Aw, get lost," Ewing sort of said, laughing at his colleague's boldness in discussing money matters in public. Technically, Ewing is making \$18.7 million this year, including a balloon payment on his long-term contract. Next year, the final year in Ewing's contract, he will slip all the way down to \$3 million. Or, as the NBA players look at it, chump change.

Talk about indignities. On Monday, Ewing heard that the Knicks had been interested in Alonzo Mourning before Charlotte traded Mourning to Miami. The only way to interpret that interest is that the Knicks were looking beyond Ewing.

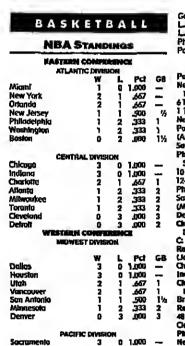
Even though be may laugh it off in public, Ewing has to see this as a heavy dose of mortality. So he might as well enjoy the \$18.7 million, even if he has to put up with Barkley's woofing.

"I'm still playing because I want a cham-pionship ring," Barkley announced during the morning shoot-around. "Just like my old friend

Ewing is still hoping to catch a championship in these latter years. But Tuesday night was not a great start on this year's home schedule.

The Knicks lost the game. Yapping only works if you win,

### SCOREBOARD



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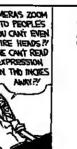








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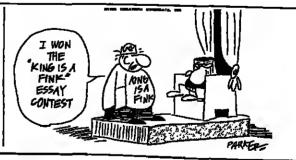






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### Herald Eribune PORTS



Steffi Graf on the way to her first match victory since the U.S. Open.

#### A Rusty Graf Wins

TEMNIS Steffi Graf's recent absence from tennis affected her play - for about a set. The No. 1 player, dogged by tax and health problems, returned quickly to form, defeating Amy Frazier, 2-6, 6-4, 6-2, on Tuesday in the second round of the Advanta Championships in Philadelphia.

"I need one or two matches to get my shots going" said Graf. Graf had played one match since winning the U.S. Open, losing in the first round at Brighton, England. (AP)

#### The Gray and the Gold

BASEBALL Some of baseball's elderly have filed for free agency. Andre Dawson of Florida, 41; Lou Whitaker of Detroit, 38, and Brett Butler of Los Angeles, 38, added their names to the list along with Chuck Finley of California and Greg Gagne of Kansas

Don Baylor, who led Colorado to the playoffs in only its third season, was voted the National League's Manager of the Year, Baylor received 19 of 28 first-place votes and nine seconds for 122 points in voting by the Baseball Writers Association of America, Davey Johnson, with 89 votes, was second.

#### New Zealand Gains Edge

CRICKET New Zealand pacemen Chris Cairns and Dion Nash grabbed three wickets for eight runs to jolt India on the rain-interrupted first day of the third and final test in Cuttack, India. India reached 77 for three. (Reuters)

#### Finns Release Black Player

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BASKETBALL A Finnish basketball club has decided to stop hiring black Americans after racist attacks forced a player to return home. Darryl Parker, 22, flew back to San Diego on Tuesday following attacks by skinheads in Joensuu, 430 kilometers (270 miles) northeast of Helsinki.

"Darryl was a great guy and we're sad to see him go," said Eero Oksava, chairman of Joensuun Kataja, a first-division club, which hired Parker in September.

We'll be hiring a new American player, but I'm afraid he won't he black," Oksava said. "It may seem like giving in to Darryl's attackers, but il appears we have little choice." About 40 American basketball

players, most of them black, play on Finnish teams.

### WORLD ROUNDUP Prosecution on the Ropes, Then King Takes Stand

### Surprising Admission by Promoter

NEW YORK — The prosecution's case against Don King appeared on the ropes until the boxing promoter took the witness himself, even for as little as a nickel. stand for three days and revived the government's charges.

Before King testified, the defense lawyer Peter Fleming doubted if the gov-

By last week, the case appeared to have lost its steam, bogged down in numerals and dozens of insurance documents and arguments over the meaning of words in insurance and fight contracts.

It grew so bad that in discussions between lawyers and U. S. District Judge Lawrence McKenna a week ago, the judge questioned whether the jury might con-clude there was no crime, much less a criminal to be hlamed.

Documents submitted to the insurance company said the \$350,000 was money paid to boxer Julio César Chávez for training in preparation for a title fight with Harold Brazier. The fight was canceled after Chávez cut his nose.

Fleming argued the \$350,000 was part of \$736,000 King paid Chávez before the bout to cover living expenses, also known in boxing as maintenance, between fights. 'Is it not just as easy for the jury to infer

that Mr. King says (to an employee) 'you can claim \$350,000 and that's an advance for maintenance springing out of the \$736,000 check I gave Chavez?" the

But King testified that the fake \$350,000 claim was indeed made - by his former accountant, Joseph Maffia,

"It was made up, yes," King said. Closing arguments were King's testimony, which ended Monday, hegin Wednesday morning.

Olympic maneuverings have gathered

France nominated Lille on Tuesday while the Italian government backed Rome. Be-

hind the scenes the battle over Olympic

Juan Antonio Samaranch, the head of the

At the same time, international sports

The Italian cabinet approved sponsor-

Rome, site of the 1960 Summer

Olympics, is one of at least 10 cities in the

running for 2004. The Italian capital is considered an early favorite, along with Cape Town, South Africa. The French

Olympic committee added the northern

But while the Italian National Olympic Committee president, Mario Pescante,

Prime Minister Lamberto Dini and Mayor

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another powerful Italian is expected to stir

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Primo Nebiolo, head of the International

city of Lille to the list on Tuesday.

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The public competition to host the Summer Games in 2004 is intensifying — The

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gave jurors a long look at a man the gov-ernment said was so meticulous about finances that he insisted on signing all checks

Yet, King said he knew nothing about the details of the insurance claim that prosecutors said was fraudulent.

By admitting that the \$350,000 claim was King's company lied to Lloyd's of London by asking for \$350,000 for a cancelled bout in 1991. carries with it a penalty of up to 45 years in prison and more than \$2 million in fines.

King is the only defendant in the trial. Several former and current employees, including Maffia, were given immunity in return for their testimony.

Earlier in the trial, Maffia had testified

that King told him to designate \$350,000 as training expenses for the Chávez fight. Chávez testified he was paid only \$80,000 in training expenses. King's testimony must he compared

with that of Maffia, who was so bitter after he was forced from King's company in late 1991 that he cursed at him in a telephone call that was taped and played for the jury. It also must be compared with the tes-

in also must be compared with the testimony of Richard Hummers, a former vice president of Don King Productions who testified that he overheard King talking about the insurance claim with Maffia after he joined the company in July 1991.

King, though, testified that he never had the conversation.

Hummer had said he kept King informed about the claim during the two years he

worked for him. "Now Mr. King, did those conversa-tions take place?" the assistant U.S. at-torney, Paul Gardepbe, asked King.

'No," the promoter answered. Closing arguments were scheduled to

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Samaranch said last summer that the

IOC was prepared to offer a total of he-

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#### World Cup Skiing Starts This Weekend Without 2 Stars the slalom and giant slalom disciplines. Until now, the fastest 15 finishers in the GENEVA - The curtain goes up on Alpine skiing's World Cup this weekend first leg started in reverse order on the secwith no sign of the sport's leading man or ond run, with the one with the slowest time oing first. The skiers ranked 16th to 30th in Alberto Tomba, Italy's swashbuckling hero of the ski slopes, will he conspicthe first run then followed in normal order. But organizers have decreed that all 30 nously absent. He is snubbing the opening

performance at Tignes in the French Alps because he is unhappy with the role he has been offered.

While Tomba, the reigning men's World Cup overall champion pouts about rule changes, his opposite number, Vreni Schneider, has quietly made her farewell.

The Swiss cowbells finally tolled for 30year-old Schneider as she modestly wound up her illustrious career - during which she never showed the faintest trace of heing a pampered prima donna -- with a third overall World Cup victory last season.

Tomba has hinted that he may bow out

himself at the end of this season and his sociation of Summer Olympic International Federations, is leading the latter's effort to gain a larger chunk of Olympic revappearances may well be limited to the odd cameo role here and there this winter.

The Italian is not the only skier outraged at the decision of World Cup organizers to The ASOIF, which represents all 26 at the decision of World Cup organizers to sports on the schedule for Atlanta, sub-

skiers who qualify for the second leg should start in reverse order, with the fastest going last - by which time skiers fear the slopes will he so cut up they will

Alberto Tomba, skiing to victory in the giant slalom in Kranjska Gora, Slovenia, in January, says he will boycott races.

The Prince Sulks; the Queen Has Quit

suffer a heavy time disadvantage. Tomba has said he will boycott the season-opening giant slalom in protest and may restrict his appearances at other World Cup races to first legs only, waving good-hye and departing before the second run.

"Anyway, the World Cup is not my Number One target this season," he said. 'I would like to win my first world title in Sierra Nevada.'

Tomba, the remarkable winner of 11 World Cup races last winter, has won three Olympic gold medals but has yet to capture a world championship. He hopes to gain his first at the competition to be held in Spain in

February.

If the Italian refuses to defend the World

American speed acc. Picabo Street.

tenders among skiing's all-rounders.

Veteran Marc Girardelli of Luxembourg has a record five overall titlesand is among the favorites even if he was a relative flop last season, failing to win a single race. Girardelli still finished fourth overall,

despite a nagging knee injury, and has trained hard this summer in New Zealand alongside the German team. Fit again, he is likely to be the man to beat as he is one of the few capable of winning in any discipline, His chief rivals could he Kjetil Andre

Aamodt of Norway, another all-rounder who fell on hard times last season, and the Austrian veteran Günther Mader.

But the omens do not favor Mader. No Austrian has won the men's World Cup since Karl Schranz in 1970 - the Austrianborn Girardelli excepted.

In the women's events, the favorite is bound to he Katja Seizinger of Germany, who just missed the title in both 1993 and 1995. Her main rivals are likely to be Sweden's slalom queen. Pernilla Wiberg, a versatile Austrian, Anita Wachter, Heidi Zeller-Bähler of Switzerland and the

#### mitted its formal proposal in a meeting with 'The question of the federations' share of the Olympic revenues has been a point of **Whalers Win One for Their New Coach** International Olympic Committee, was in discussion for some time now, particularly Rome on Wednesday, giving the city an hetween president Samaranch and my-opportunity to push its candidacy to host self," Nebiolo said Tuesday.

### Cassels Scores Twice in 7-3 Victory Over Lowly Sharks

million just for the IAAF, which he claims deserves the largest share because of track The Hartford Whalers skated to a 7-3 victory over the San According to ASOIF figures, the sum-mer federations received \$37.5 million in rice's debut as the new head revenues from the 1992 Barcelona coach successful.

Andrew Cassels scored twice At a meeting in Monaco in May, Samaranch agreed for the first time to give and added an assist and Steven Rice had a goal and two assists to lead the Whalers, who won federations a bigger revenue share. The Rome meeting was scheduled to work out

#### NHL ROUNDUP

Total television revenues for the Atlanta Games are forecast at about \$900 million, Tuesday for just the second with an additional \$600 million in martime in their last nine games. The club fired Paul Holm-About 7 percent of the total television

gren on Monday and replaced him with Maurice, who was an assistant coach and at 28 is the youngest coach in North American professional sports. "The fact that Paul Holm-

gren is not here and Paul Maurice is had nothing to do with the win." Maurice said.

there was a coach fired and a new coach came in had something to do with it. We still made a lot of mistakes tonight, but I was pleased with the fact that we seemed to limit a lot of them to areas where they weren't going to hurt us."

Andrei Nikolishin, Brendan goals in his last four games.

Shanahan and Nelson Emerson Rob Niedermayer's back- and lift the Maple Leafs to viceach had a goal and an assist for hand goal with 7:45 left in the tory over the Mighty Ducks of Hartford, which outshot San Jose, 41-28. Sean Burke stopped 25 of 28 shots for the Whalers.

'Sometimes guys get a little emotional when there is a change," Shanahan said. "That Florida. is not a knock on Holmgren. It

seems somebody new back has a torn knee ligament. there gives the guys a hit of a

sometimes it does work. It is sad to see Holmgren gone, but we all have to go on."
The Sharks fell 10 1-8-4. Panthers 4, Flyers 2: A1 Flori-da, rookie Radek Dvorak

scored twice for the second "But maybe the fact that straight game to lift the Panthers over the Philadelphia Fly-The victory, Florida's fran-

chise-record fourth straight,

moved the Panthers three points ahead of the Flyers atop the Atlantic Division.

left to make the final margin for ond goal of the game, an empty-Philadelphia was playing its

into a 2-2 tie.

is not like we changed our phi-losophy, but sometimes it star center, Eric Lindros, who Kings 1, Blues 0: In St. Louis,

Byron Dafoe made 33 saves for "Maybe the shake-up got his first career shutout and Eric guys going," Cassels said. "It is not nice to have to shake up goal as Los Angeles hlanked St. the team to get things going, but Louis.

Dafoe, acquired in an off-season trade with the Wash-ington Capitals, made nine saves in each of the first two periods and turned aside 15

shots in the final stanza. The only goal of the game came just 49 seconds into the third period. Marty McSorely's wraparound attempt failed, but

whipped it past Grant Fuhr. Maple Leafs 6, Ducks 3: In Toronto, Mats Sundin scored Dvorak has all six of his short-handed with 7:16 left to ignite a three-goal explosion

Wayne Gretzky picked up the rebound, passed to Lacroix, who

third period pulled the Panthers Anaheim. Tom Fitzgerald tallied into

Mark Kolesar tallied with 57 seconds left to make it 5-3 and an empty net with 65 seconds Doug Gilmour scored his secnetter, with 18 seconds left to make the final margin.

Felix Potvin stopped 33 shots for Toronto and Guy Hebert made 32 saves for the Ducks.

Canucks 5, Islanders 2 In Uniondale, New York, Trevor Linden and Alexander Mogilny scored a pair of goals apiece as Vancouver rolled over the listless Islanders.

Jeff Brown set up three goals for the Canucks, who extended their unbeaten streak to five

Red Wings 4, Oilers 2: In Detroit, Slava Kozlov, Greg Johnson and Steve Yzerman scored in a three-goal first period to give Detroit the victory over Edmonton.

Bruins 4, Capitals 3: In Washington, Jozef Stumpel, Kevin Stevens and Sandy Moger scored less than three minutes apart in the third period as Boston rallied for a victory over the Capitals.

### **CROSSWORD**

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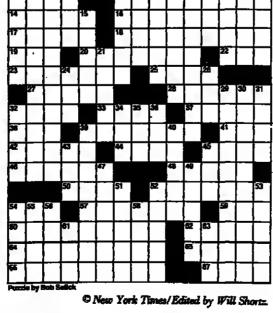
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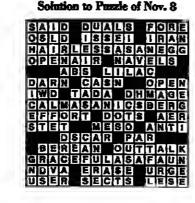
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some of the reasons we're there now. Vietnam is a hot market for

American automobiles and one we must take seriously before Japan floods the country with its Hondas and Toyotas.

In order to sell cars, it is vital that we pave the Ho Chi Minh Trail, so that the warranty on our cars will hold up even when the vehicles endure terrible punishment from generations of shell holes. This is a job for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, whose fathers served there before them. Vietnam is also one of the

Harold Wilson Leaves Papers to Secretary

Agence France-Presse LONDON - Former Prime Minister Harold Wilson of Britain, who died in May, left all his personal papers, including political documents and corre-

The papers cover 30 years of household name. the Labor leader's life, including two periods as prime minister. 1964 to '70 and 1974 to '76. His estate was left to his wife. Mary, and their two children.

WASHINGTON — I recently read that there is a
big effort in the United States to
country smokes and, had we do business in Vietnam. Amer- been able to hold out for anican manufacturers consider the other four years, we would have won the war because all the Vietnamese would now be dead from inhaling nicotine. The to-Therefore, I am revising a bacco companies consider the country a hot prospect for their products and are prepared to cover their billboards with Joe Camel ads which will attract teen-age Vietnamese.

We are in Vietnam because that's where McDonald's wants to be. The Vietnamese have developed a taste for french-fried potatoes and Kentucky Fried Chicken and all the things they fought against in the war.

The reason we are in Victnam is that they have oceans of crude oil offshore and our petroleum people need this source very badly. We were ready to drill for it 25 years ago hut Hanoi would never let us.

Another reason is that we also have Planet Hollywood discos that everyone in Saigon

would kill to get into.
We are in Vietnam because Wall Street says it's a good place to invest American money. All our banks are planning o open branches there. Tourist travel will pick up as soon as the Vietnamese build large gamhling casinos in the rice paddies and construct golf courses

along the Mekong Delta. Why are we now in Vietnam? Because even when you lose a war, you still have to trade with your former enemies. You must grabevery marspondence, to his long-time pri-vate secretary, Lady Falkender. het you can get and, like it or not, Vietnam will become a

> So everyone reserve a seat on Hanoi Airlines. We're going to have one helluva party. It was a lousy war but now business is great.

Conversations From the Past With Edward Albee By Paula Span Washington Post Service

TEW YORK — This is a conversation Edward Albee would have been unwilling to have 30-odd years ago, when his plays were first leaving audiences breathless, or 15 ography. And he's always been only too happy to say so.

In fact, exploring the parallels becharacters in his Pulitzer Prize-winning "Three Tall Women" still makes him a bit skittish. "I know that all my plays come from within me," he says. But I've never written a play about me. . . . I've never written me-in-disguise." In fact, he announces, sounding a favorite theme, "I would like all

plays to open without anyone knowing

who wrote them." And yet, with this much-acclaimed work, the influential playwright has made an unprecedented acknowledgment: This was my mother. She's been reinvented and reimagined for the stage, of course, and she tells stories of things that never occurred. Still, the 92-year-old character played on the current national tour by the arresting Marian Seldes - is recognizably the wealthy Westchester

her for more than 20 years. "Some people who knew her quite well told me I softened her a little bit; she was really much more horrible." Albee remarks mildly. "But I wasn't after revenge or anything like that. I felt no need for revenge. I left home when I did and made my own choices. and I'm perfectly happy with

When "Three Tall Women" had its New York premiere last year, Albee, who is now 67, was in usuged becoming an academic subject, a about to turn 30, began writing playwright whose work was studied cessful plays. "Zoo Story" was the first, "Who's Afraid of Virginia on stage. It had been nearly a decade since he'd had a production in New

York, and close to two decades since a New York production escaped

abuse from the critics. All that's changed now - "The Soviet Union is not the only country where history is rewritten," Albee says, deadpan — with this play's 18-month off-Broadway run, the playyears ago, when his plays were leav-ing critics cold. He's always disliked O'Neill outranks him, with four), the the tendency to conflate art and bi- national tour and anticipated revivals of other Albee plays. And something else, possibly not coincidentally, has also changed: He will talk about his tween his adoptive mother and the family. Not with tremendous openness, of course. "He's a puzzle," Seldes says. "Funny word, but there's something mysterious about Edward. just as there's something mysterious

about his plays."
The first time Albee tried to run away, be was 11. "My paternal grandmother gave me \$100a year as a Christmas present, and I'd saved up 1,100 bucks," he remembers. "And I'd somehow managed to book pas-sage to France on a boat, steerage of course. My memory tells me I got to the dock, and they came and got me. Probably hyperbole, hut I know I booked passage. I know I went to New York."

He is not inclined to recite a litany of grievances against the rich couple who adopted him, except to say that he and they "were not getting along particularly well, and I thought I matron who adopted a 2-week-old might be happier elsewhere." But he has described his mother as bigoted. infant, a boy who would leave home as a teenager and have no contact with paranoid, disparaging of his politics and his homosexuality; his father as anemic, something of a cipher.

At 18 or 19, after Trinity College in Connecticut invited him to leave, Albee decamped to that well-known sanctuary, Greenwich Village, where he subsisted on odd jobs delivering telegrams for Western Union, among other occupations, and on a small inheritance doled out by family lawyers. He initially wrote unsuc-

Woolf?" the best known. But after more than two decades "I don't want anyone to get the



Edward Albee has reimagined his adoptive mother for the stage.

call, he learned that his mother had

suffered a heart attack. "I heard that

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impression that I was deeply hurt" by the estrangement from his family, Albee cautions. "I was so happy to be in she was sick, thought for a moment, Greenwich Village. I was so happy to sighed and said, 'Well, maybe she be out from under the constraints of that reactionary environment. I never missed home.

without visiting or making a phone ing.

"Obviously she was still upset. When she died and I saw the will, I was almost completely cut out. Not that I needed the money - but it was a gesture. I don't think she ever forgave me for leaving. But I wouldn't have forgiven myself if I hadn't."
He didn't start writing "Three Tall
Women" until after Frances Coner

Albee's death in 1990. "It wasn't an act of generosity to avoid offending her," he explained. "It would have been foolish to try to write it before she died, not for her, but for me. . . . I wouldn't have had the whole of her life" to examine.

There will be no tender code to this story, clearly. "Three Tail Women" derives much of its power from the unsparing way that characters A, B and C — who are 92, 52 and 26 years old — look at the choices they we made and the consequences as they age. One of the consequences is that a son flees at 18 and stays away for decades until his mother becomes gravely ill, at which point in the second

act a young man enters, stage right.

As he wrote, Albee found himself learning more about his mother and

her psyche.
"She had lots of reasons for being what she became," he says, "I understand the tough row she had to hoe, his being so passive, her having to handle everything. Turned her into a harder person than I'm sure she wanted

But the process didn't leave Albee liking her any better. When he watched Seldes on the stage in Boston as the national tour began, "it was very in-teresting," he said. "I'm not aware of my mother when I watch it, at all. I'm aware of the character I wrote."

But if the writer no longer thinks of his mother as his acts unfold, those who are watching may think of theirs. Seldes, who played B, the middle-aged character, before taking on A, has often heard them say so.

"The audience, the people you talk to, say 'That's my mother.' 'That's my grandmother.' 'That's my greatneeds some company.' And started a very slow and never really resolved 'she said. "This extraordinary process, never a reconciliation. She would never even talk about my leavwoman, who's like no other woman, is like all women to the audience."

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#### ART

### Auction Tops \$100 Million for First Time Since 1990 WHO would have thought it? Beat-group's "pew" single "Free as a Bird," is

By Souren Melikian ernational Herald Tribune

down on 19th- and 20th-century art at Christie's as 55 paintings and sculptures sold for a total of \$107.7 million.

At a press conference that immediately followed the sale, Christopher Burge, the chairman of Christie's New York who conducted the auction on Tuesday, stressed that this was the first time that the \$100

There was a vivid reminder of the exclinations toward mischievous spoofery just over \$7 million, a huge figure for what Lautrecs available these days.

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North America

North America Chicago and Toronto will be windy and wet Fridey into Saturday, then coder later in the weekend, perhaps with some snow. Turning milder in New York City and Wash-ington, D.C., with rain anti-ing this weekend. Flairy in Vancouver and Seattle, dry and warm in Los Angeles.

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and a touch of eroricism. All this is enhanced by unusually intense colors.

But when it was last seen at auction on New YORK — Money was pouring Nov. 15, 1989, the Picasso made a lot more. That was at Sotheby's in New York, where a Japanese buyer, Shigeki Kameyama, paid \$26.4 million, Financial problems, the rumor went among professionals, led to its coming back for sale so soon. Had it not been for the upbeat mood on Tuesday

since May 1990. The art market crashed in estate that included a remarkably good portrait of a young man, by the sculptor Oscar Miestchaninoff. It sold for \$9.35 cesses that led to that crisis with the star million. Two minutes later came an exlot, Picasso's "Mirror" (Le Miroir), tremely fine Cubist work, "L'Indépen-painted in 1932. It rose to \$20 million. The dant," done by Picasso in 1911 in a manner huge price is largely accounted for hy its much influenced by Braque, in delicate through, found a taker at \$1.2 million poster-like quality, mixing Picasso's in- tones of olive brown and hlack. It brought there are not all that many Toulouse-

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is a connoisseur's choice rather than a work with instant appeal such as "Mirror."

The same success story for a connoisseur's piece repeated itself with a group of slender, spindly figures cast in bronze in 1949 in an edition of six after the original plaster model made by Alberto Giacometti in 1948. At \$2.2 million, the price was generous, showing that the discerning art buyers were firmly back in the market. So are those who are attracted by the fun

night, that might have killed it.

So are those who are attracted by the fun
The sale got off to an auspicious start of the game. What most underlines the new lesser works. Monet's "Charing Cross Bridge," which does not look quite finished, went up to an astonishing \$3.5 million. One of Toulouse-Lautrec's less distinguished efforts, "A L'Elysée Montmartre," which looks like a sketch left aside halfway

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being released this month. How did it come about? John Lennon wrote the ballad before he was murdered in December 1980. and the three other Beatles - Paul Mc-Cartney, George Harrison and Ringo Starr - have added backing, putting years of feuding behind them, pretending Lennon was "just around the corner." All-time sales for the Beatles are estimated at

more than I billion records, CDs and

the wife of Prime Minister Andreas Papaudreou of Greece is trying to play down a scandal over nude pictures of her and her increasingly open political ambitions. In a live interview on state television. Dimitra Papandreou, 40, said a series of explicit nude photographs that have appeared in Greek newspapers was "a part of my youth." She added: "I'm not ashamed of sunbathing nude. What should I do? Kill myself for sunbathing nude? If I weren't Andreas Papandreou's wife, I'd probably still be sunbathing nude." The pictures sent the circulation of one newsaper, Avriani, to more than 100,000 from 10,000 just a few weeks ago. Aside from the scandal over the photographs, some senior Socialists have attacked Mimi, as she is known, for apparently trying to take over from her 76-year-old husband, whom she serves as chief of staff. She insisted that her husband, who she met when she was a

next to my husband," she said. The Aga Khan has lodged an urgent appeal against a Geneva court ruling that his ex-wife may sell most of her lavish jewelry collection at auction next week. He acted after the court lifted a provisional ban on the sale and authorized the British-born Princess Saliman to sell 261 lots at Christie's on Nov. 13. The value of the jewels has been estimated at up to \$15

Archhishop Desmond Tutu, the Anglican primate of Southern Africa and winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, plans to trade his clerical vestments for a blackboard and



50 YEARS AND GOING STRONG — Quincy Jones, at a New York tribute for his 50 years in the music business, gets a kiss from Oprah Winfrey.

next year. He is retiring and is scheduled to spend the 1996-1997 academic year as a visiting professor at Emory's Candler School of Theology. The students are enthusiastic. "It would be amazing," said one first-year religion student, Alison stewardess for Olympic Airways, called all the political shots and that she was simply a student of politics, studying at his side. "I Lutz. "To have someone who can bridge don't exercise power. I learn from being ancient religious texts with current events would be wonderful. He is demonstrative of the power religion has to help people understand political strife."

> П The model-actress Anna Nicole Smith. 27, whose 90-year-old oil tycoon husband. Howard Marshall, died in August, is in a hospital following an adverse reaction to prescription medication. The former Playboy Playmate was admitted to a Los Angeles hospital. Her doctor denied that Smith had succumbed to a drug overdose. She is battling with the Marshall family over her late husband's \$500 million for-

President Nelson Mandela of South day is Ian. 19.

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a classroom at Emory University in Atlanta Africa wound up smeared in lipstick after greeting the 86 candidates to the 1995 Miss World contest one by one, but managed to give the encounter a political touch. Dressed in a brightly African shirt, Mandela offered his condolences to Miss Israel over the slaying of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin before shaking the hand of the redhead, dressed in slinky black. He also expressed his hopes for a lasting peace to Miss Croatia. The winner will be named on Nov. 18 in South Africa's Sun City resort.

> Dolly Parton doesn't stand a chance of ignoring her 50th birthday. Seven fans are paying about \$3,000 for 10 congratulatory hillboards in Nashville, Tennessee, to he set up near her home, record company, studio and other haunts. "We're just huge Dolly Parton fans," said 19-year-old Jeremy Brown of Naples, Florida, ringleader of the group. "We didn't want to get her a gift that ends up in a warehouse somewhere." The billboards will be up from Christmas through Ian 25 Parton's birth-Christmas through Jan. 25. Parton's birth-

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